

Minutes 7:00 PM, 8/19/2015 Conference Call  
RE: 2016 ACWSA Nationals  
Recorded by: Gary Van Kauwenbergh  
Written: 8/20/2015



Attending: Bob Chabalowski, Norm Gibson, Bob Hubbard, Paul Lipka, Gary Van Kauwenbergh, Mike Zandarski

Thanks to Paul Lipka for coordinating the conference call.

Note: These minutes are organized by topic and may not be in chronological order discussed.

The first ACWSA nationals is scheduled to be held at the Chief Wa-Ke'-De range near Bristol, Indiana on June 10 through 12, 2016.

The president of the Chief Wa-Ke'-De range, Doug Steinke, will be out of town until the end of August. When he returns, Paul Lipka will schedule a visit to the range to survey the facility. Bob Hubbard and/or Norm Gibson may tag along. Copies of Chris Hubbard's report of alternative ranges for the N-SSA's NWT that includes this range, was sent to everyone after the meeting. Please be aware that report is about a decade old, and some things may have changed.

We are estimating 100-120 attendees.

Profits will be split 50-50 with the Chief Wa-Ke'-De range.

**Awards.** The group decided we should have more substantial awards than our customary ribbons, and three places should be given in for individuals in classes 1 and 2, and both A and B teams. Gary will prepare a cost estimate for cockade style ribbons, and medals.

**Target frames.** The 13 (?) target frames stored at the range in Appleton, WI have feet (unlike the ones in MI), and Bob Chabalowski will talk to John Mark about transporting them to the nationals. Norm Gibson will provide frame number plaques.

**Cardboard.** Bob Chabalowski will ask Mike Young about providing cardboard for the event.

Bob proposed we ask every team attending to bring two cases of drilled pigeons to the event. The majority of the remaining targeting needed will be metal targets.

**Individual Competition:**

Individuals will be held from 1 p.m. until closing (5 p.m.?) on Friday, June 12, 2016. Relays will be 10 minutes long. Competitions in the various categories will be one five-shot target with no re-entry.

Practice targets will be available, and we intend to have some sort of 'special events' targets, e.g. card games, to fill the time for folks who shoot fewer weapons, and have more time available.

100 yard musket/carbine targets will be used for revolver competition. (Read: to prevent confusion, we will not use N-SSA revolver targets)

### **Team Competition:**

Targeting for Musket, Carbine and Breechloader\* teams:

- 50 yard pigeon board
- 50 yard hanging metal 4" tiles
- 50 yard hanging metal pigeons
- 50 yard hanging metal cans
- 100 yard hanging metal 6" or 8" tiles

\*Note: targeting doubles for repeating breechloaders

Targeting for Smoothbore teams:

- 25 yard pigeon board
- 25 yard hanging breakable 4" tiles
- 25 yard hanging breakable pigeons
- 100 yard hanging breakable 6" or 8" tiles

Targeting for Revolver teams:

- 15 yard pigeon board
- 15 yard hanging breakable pigeons
- 15 yard hanging metal cans
- 25 yard hanging metal 4" tile

Sequence of events:

Saturday:

- Opening ceremony
- Revolver team competition
- Breechloader team competition
- Lunch
- Smoothbore Team competition
- Revolver team competition

Sunday

Opening ceremony (Awards for individuals and all team competitions except musket will be presented)  
Musket team competition  
Closing ceremony  
Clean-up and packing

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We will host a free 'hands-on table' for spectators. Chief Wa-Ke'-De President Doug Steinke mentioned to Bob Chabalowski that the club has some members who may want to participate. Bob will pursue how best to incorporate them into the event.

### **Registration**

Hold harmless agreements for the Chief Wa-Ke'-De range must be signed before anyone can participate.

Pre-registering/paying was discussed. The WI/IL region typically gets estimates before skirmishes from the team commanders via e-mail, then collects skirmishing fees from the team commanders at the event. With all their targeting stored on-site, the MI region doesn't bother with estimating who's coming, and they just registers whoever comes individually when they arrive. The MI folks agreed they'd have to have some sort of estimate of attendance, and we tabled the discussion with the understanding that some sort of hybrid registration process would need to be worked out.

Individuals will self-identify themselves as either class 1 or class 2 at registration time.

Note: ACWSA Skirmish rule 4.1.C: 'A shooter who has never fired an ACWSA individual match score above 44, at any distance, with the category of firearm involved, or who has not fired in ACWSA individual competition with the category of firearm involved during the current or prior skirmish season, may register and fire in Class II for any individual match with that firearm. A shooter may register and fire in Class I regardless of prior scoring history. No shooter who has ever fired an ACWSA individual match score above 44, at any distance, with the category of firearm involved, may register and fire in Class II for that firearm category.'

### **Miscellaneous:**

A KOA campground is available nearby

Everyone agreed we wanted someone local providing food concessions. Doug Steinke did not want to use the club house facilities to do this because the local authorities are enforcing licensing and inspection laws, but has a couple alternative local vendors that may be willing to provide a concession.

What to charge for shooting fees was discussed. Gary asked to that we table that discussion until after he comes up with a budget. Most regional skirmishes charge \$5-\$6. The biggest concerns Gary has is that we charge enough to cover the yet-to-be decided upon awards, and that we have enough money to split with Chief Wa-Ke'-De that want to invite us back.

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**Topic list for Bob Hubbard's visit:**

Where should we set up a place for stats and target issuing? Under the overhead cover, in the clubhouse, or should we bring pop-up?

Are the ranges metal target frames removable? If not, how to we fit our target frames into the range?

**Topic list for Bob Chabalowski's next conversation with Doug Steinke:**

Concession alternatives

Clubhouse available? Restrictions.

Fires allowed? If so, wood available?

Garbage dumpster/Recycling bin available?

Are there gates that need to be unlocked?

Area motel recommendations?

Start/Stop shooting time restrictions?

Can we spray-paint lines on the grass?

Is there a PA system on site?

Is there a tower to control the skirmish line?

Can the existing metal target frames be removed?

We decided not to schedule our next telephone conference until after Bob Hubbard's upcoming visit to Chief Wa-Ke'-De.

The teleconference ended shortly after 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, by Your Obedient Servant,  
Gary Van Kauwenbergh

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Questions:

1. Are the yardages correct for Smoothbore and Revolver team events?
2. Should be change the revolver team 25 yard target to larger tiles?
3. Team sizes? (M-5, C-4, R-3, Sb-3, BL-3?)

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Below is a copy of Bob Chabalowski and Doug Steinke's last e-mail. The highlighting is mine. - Gary

From: **Steinke Douglas J** <[steinfour@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steinfour@sbcglobal.net)>

Date: Wed, Jul 22, 2015 at 8:32 AM

Subject: Re: Fwd: ACWSA National matches

To: Bob Chabalowski <[1851maynard@gmail.com](mailto:1851maynard@gmail.com)>

Hi Bob,

I hope all is well with you. Sorry for the delayed response but we have been quite busy with the NRA Small Bore National Matches being held at our range. These matches are ending this week. Below are the responses to your above questions

1. You are confirmed to have our range June 10th - June 12th at the times you requested.
2. The range has 100 firing points so 100 - 120 shooters should not be a problem. **Limited camping** is allowed and there is also a local KOA for overflow.
3. Our board Vice President Phil Woogman can assist with food vendors. **Send or bring copy of your insurance coverage**. Should be sufficient. You can sign a waiver for the event.
4. Good to bring your own targets.
5. The 50/50 split after expenses works fine with us.
6. Great that you will do the clean-up. The demo table sounds great, several in our club have expressed an interest.
7. I can help with the PR, The local chamber of commerce has been very helpful with setting up the NRA matches. Be sure to let me know well in advance prior to the match.
8. Restrooms will be adequate however we will bring in port-a-johns as we did with the NRA as they will help with any overflow and are ADA accessible.

Any additional questions please let me know. We look forward and welcome your group to our range in 2016.

Doug