

Minutes 7:00 PM, 1/5/2016 Conference Call  
RE: 2016 ACWSA Nationals  
Recorded by: Gary Van Kauwenbergh  
Written: 1/6/2016



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

Thanks to Paul Lipka for coordinating the conference call. Paul notified everyone his old work e-mail address no longer works, and future correspondence should be sent to: [the\\_greyghost@msn.com](mailto:the_greyghost@msn.com) Paul met with Chief Wa-Ke'-De Club President Doug Steinke at the range in October, and his notes are below these meeting minutes.

I took the liberty of trying to group my notes together by topic, so some items may not be in the order they were discussed.

Changes to the schedule and course of fire were made directly to the draft skirmish flier while we were meeting. A copy of the revised flier will accompany these minutes.

The tower at the range will not work for our purposes. Norm volunteered the bed of his pickup truck to use as a tower.

Paul said dumpster space on site was limited. There is a recycling center nearby, but no one knew if it was open on Sundays. The group decided to ask all campers to pack out their trash.

Both regions will bring their compressed air bottles, PA systems and AEDs. We will need extra safety glasses and disposable ear plugs for shooters at the hands-on table.

Norm will talk to Bruce Miller about heading up the ACWSA public relations efforts for this event. Chief Wa-Ke'-De Club President Doug Steinke mentioned to Paul that he had a local contact to help.

Chief Wa-Ke'-De Club President Doug Steinke told Paul there was a 'no alcohol' policy at the range. Paul didn't know if that was a total ban, or just during shooting hours. For now we're going to assume a total ban and Bob will inquire when he calls Doug.

Paul stated there were showers, and that extra porta-potties would be brought in for the event, but didn't know whether Chief Wa-Ke'-De would be contracting for them or that was up to us. Bob will discuss with Doug Steinke.

Paul Lipka with Norm Gibson will take charge of all novelty events.

John Mark and Bob Chabalowski offered to set up a Buy/Sell area off to the side of the firing line beneath the overhang.

The group decided to offer individuals beginning at 10 on Friday until 5.

Gary promised to re-broadcast the dates of the Nationals now that people are scheduling their 2016 vacations.

Bob Hubbard volunteered to score individual targets. He also promised to send Gary a copy of the Excel spreadsheet Michigan uses to record scores.

Norm Gibson volunteered to provide all the breakable 4" tiles for the event.

The group confirmed that two-handed holds are allowed for all revolver competitions, both individual and team.

Bob Chabalowski assigned Gary to draft a duty roster, showing all logistics, statistics and safety tasks. The duty roster will be sent out separately when ready.

The group reviewed the attendance/budget numbers Gary put together. We originally guessed 100-120 attendees, but using input from the WI/IL commanders and attendance records from the last MI skirmish, Gary estimated 70 paying shooters. A number of different fee scenarios were put together based on that number, and the following decisions were made:

1. The committee voted for \$6 team fees, and \$3 individual fees, with individuals charged for each gun at each at each distance, but no aggregate fees.
2. The committee voted for cockade ribbons rather than medals for awards. The estimate for ribbons was \$326 versus \$624 for medals.

There were concerns about accommodating more shooters than we expect.

1. More spectators trying the hands-on table. Whoever takes charge of the hands-on table will just need to bring plenty ammo.
2. Chief Wa-Ke'-De Club wanting to field a team. Bob will talk to Doug about this so we can arrange to bring extra leathers and approved firearms to outfit them.
3. ACWSA members who did not register through their teams. Everyone agreed that all are welcome, and everyone will shoot. Someone will need to bring extra drilled pigeons and ties.

Pre-registration was discussed. Paul stated the MI regional meeting is scheduled for February 27, and proposed a May 1 deadline for registration forms and team fees. The group agreed.

Accommodating participants who did not register was discussed. Consensus was that we were encouraging preregistering teams to make sure we were prepared everyone attending. While we want all teams to register, we do not intend to turn away any individuals show up 'unregistered'. Neither, the MI or the WI/IL folks anticipated any influx from N-SSA Northwest or Western regions.

Bob Chabalowski will call Doug Steinke after our meeting.

- He will convey our preference to use a youth group to provide lunch on Saturday. There was no strong interest in lunches on Friday or Sunday.
- Ask about the 'no alcohol' policy
- Ask about the local recycling center, re: trash capacity
- Get a contact for local PR for Bob Miller
- Porta-potties - Who arranges, who pays?

The teleconference ended at 8:54 p.m. No future conference was scheduled.

Respectfully submitted, by Your Obedient Servant,  
Gary Van Kauwenbergh

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Below is a copy Paul Lipka notes from his meeting with Chief Wa-Ke'-De range Club President Doug Steinke. Paul e-mailed these notes to everyone on October, 14, 2015. Both pictures and video are available on Paul's Face Book page. Just the pictures are available on acwsa.org.

- 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?
  - There are two, very large covered pavilions on site
  - We could use the club house if we wanted
- Are the ranges metal target frames removable? If not, how to we fit our target frames into the range?
  - The target frames at the 50yd line can be removed
  - The target frames at the 25yd line CANNOT be removed, but can be turned sideways
  - I suggest that maybe we set the firing line just forward of the 25yd frames
- Concession alternatives

- The club works with a youth group that could provide concessions
  - Lunch and possibly dinner could be supplied if desired
  - Need a head count so that they would know how much food to supply
- Clubhouse available? Restrictions.
  - Clubhouse is available. Just don't trash it!
- Fires allowed? If so, wood available?
  - At this point, no fires. Doug will check to see if they will be allowed
- Garbage dumpster/Recycling bin available?
  - A small dumpster is on site. Could have another brought in at ACWSA expense
  - A recycling center is a few miles away
- Are there gates that need to be unlocked?
  - There is a gate at the road which is locked.
  - While ACWSA is using the range, the gate would be left open
  - It will be ACWSA responsibility to ensure that nothing happens while gates are open
- Area motel recommendations?
  - Range is 10 miles from Elkhart. Plenty of hotels in the Elkhart area
  - Google "hotels near" the range address
- Start/Stop shooting time restrictions?
  - 9am start time
  - End time at sunset
- Can we spray-paint lines on the grass?
  - Yes
  - Do not spray paint cement markers or anything except the grass
- Is there a PA system on site?
  - Yes, a PA system is available
  - It is suggested that we also bring our own portable PA system
  
- Is there a tower to control the skirmish line?
  - A control tower is present for the existing firing line
  - If we move the firing line forward of the 25yd line, we will need a tower (back of pickup truck?)
- Can the existing metal target frames be removed?
  - Frames at the 50yd line can be removed
  - Frames at 25yd line CANNOT be removed
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Misc Notes:

- If we can provide a write-up or advertisement, the Club is willing to submit these to the local papers, gun clubs, gun shows in the area
- NO alcohol is allowed on the grounds
- Hearing and Eye protection is required
- Range has 100 shooting positions
- Showers are available
- Flushable toilets exist, however the club will bring in Port-a-Johns just so the septic system does not get overwhelmed
- KOA campground is within 2 miles of the range
- Camping area does exist....estimated about 20 motor homes could be accommodated. Tents and popups, a lot more. Many large trees are in the camping area and provide plenty of shade
- Club is classified as a A1 shooting range
- The range faces north
- Does the ACWSA want to advertise the chance for non-members to fire the muskets?

## Pictures

- Range – Aerial view of the club range and grounds
- Range with labels – Aerial view of the club grounds with areas and landmarks labeled
- 1 – standing behind clubhouse, view of Control tower and part of range
- 2 – same position of pic 1, except other side of range
- 3 – Control tower
- 4 – Emergency info posted on Club board
- 5 – in front of covered shooting line, good view of 25yd frames
- 6 - same position as pic 6, showing 25yd and 50yd frames and range back to berm
- 7 – another view of range
- 8 – showing covered shooting line
- 9 – other end of covered shooting line
- 10 – covered pavilion
- 11 – Control Tower
- 12 – under the covered shooting position.....very spacious
- 13 – opposite end of covered shooting line
- 14 – another pavilion
- 15 – Area that could be used to post scores
- 16 – view looking toward shower building
- 18 – view of part of camping area
- 19 – another view of camping area
- 20 – another view of camping area

## Videos

- 100\_4001 –showing range, forward of the covered firing line
- 100\_4002 – showing covered firing line
- 100\_4014 – showing camping area, looking toward the road
- 100\_4015 – showing open area that would be used as a parking area, no camping
- 100\_4019 – view from the road, looking toward clubhouse. Open area is for parking, the camping area begins where the trees start left of the driveway