



## 2022 ASSA 3-Pos. / Prone / F-SBR Competitor Meeting Minutes

### 3-Position Phase Competitor Meeting

Date: July 7, 2022  
Location: Chief Wa-Ke-De Range, Bristol, Indiana  
Start Time: 2:35 pm  
Finish Time: 3:24 pm  
Attendees: 43

ASSA Personnel Present: M. Carter  
E. Gestl  
K. Benyo  
P. Gideon

ASSA Leadership present at the meeting introduced themselves and welcomed all competitors, coaches, parents and friends to the meeting. The floor was then opened for input and comments regarding any topic.

**Suggestion:** It was suggested to review the classifications averages used by ASSA. Current Master score is 1068, which many consider to be low. The previous Master score for NRA classification was 1104. It may be necessary to evaluate at all classification scores.

**Response:** ASSA Leadership requested a vote for those in attendance if the classification scores should be reviewed and adjusted. Vote was presented to those in attendance and passed for review of classification scores and adjustment.

**Question:** If classification scores are adjusted, what happens to existing classifications?

**Response:** If values are changed, all shooters' records would be reviewed and revised accordingly.

**Question:** Why are more shooters not attending ASSA Nationals?

**Response:** X-Count ran a clinic that took 3-4 participants from last year. CMP has both smallbore and air rifle during their championships. Impacts due to economy. For 2022, more shooters may be attending NRA nationals due to visiting British team matches.

**Suggestion:** For recruiting and increasing membership, why not put a pop-up on the website?

**Response:** ASSA will adjust the website for the pop-up.

**Suggestion:** (From an Attendee) The shooters here need to publicize the ASSA nationals.

**Response:** ASSA Leadership stated that if they want the match to continue, it needs to grow and that can only occur through promotion by their fellow competitors.

**Suggestion:** ASSA should start to use Instagram to publicize the organization, what you are doing and upcoming matches, etc.

**Response:** Noted. ASSA will review using Instagram for additional communications. ASSA requested that the competitors also post about ASSA, our championships, etc. to their accounts also to promote competitive shooting. Publicize the prizes that are provided by the match sponsors.

**Suggestion:** ASSA needs to start having more matches at the grass roots level like CMP. (i.e. CMP has air rifle & smallbore, ROTC is associated with CMP)

**Response:** ASSA has been working to increase the number of sanctioned matches, including State Championships, Regional Matches, etc. Earlier this year, the 2022 ASSA

National Collegiate Club Championships was attended by 76 competitors. This match was previously abandoned by the NRA and ASSA stepped forward for the second consecutive year to give college club shooters and teams their own championship. One of the keys to growth is for each competitor to talk to match directors in their areas about ASSA and sanctioning matches.

**Question:** Has ASSA reached out to various State Associations regarding match sanctioning, team matches and ASSA Nationals?

**Response:** Yes, ASSA has reached out to multiple State Associations. To date, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Tennessee have coordinated with ASSA for their state championships. ASSA will continue to pursue working with State Associations that are receptive to our mutual goals.

**Question:** Can ASSA work with some of the hotels local to Bristol to obtain a discounted rates?

**Response:** In 2021, ASSA did work with a local mid-level hotel and obtained a rate of \$87 / night that included breakfast, internet, pool, fitness facility, etc. This was publicized well in advance of the match. In summary, a total of three (3) bookings were made outside of the ASSA Match Operations personnel. Based on this lack of interest / response and time and effort necessary to negotiate and secure an agreement, discounted hotel rates were not pursued for 2022.

**Question:** What methods of communication are being used by ASSA? It would be beneficial to have regular emails from ASSA regarding upcoming matches, what is being worked on by the organization, etc.

**Response:** ASSA currently uses MailChimp to send out the mass emails. Currently we have over 1000 email addresses that we use for communication of major items. If you have not received any emails from ASSA, please verify that we have your email address on file. In addition, remember to check your spam / junk filters by doing a search for American Smallbore.

**Suggestion:** ASSA should review the age group definitions to best align with other organizations.

**Response:** ASSA Leadership will review the current age groups as defined in the current rule book and discuss any potential changes for best practices.

## Prone / F-SBR Phase Competitor Meeting

Date: July 10, 2022  
Location: Chief Wa-Ke-De Range, Brisol, Indiana  
Start Time: 2:40 pm  
Finish Time: 3:45 pm  
Attendees: 35

ASSA Personnel Present: M. Carter  
K. Benyo  
P. Gideon

ASSA Leadership present at the meeting introduced themselves and welcomed all competitors, coaches, parents and friends to the meeting. The floor was then opened for input and comments regarding any topic.

**Question:** Where will the 2023 ASSA National Championships be held?

**Response:** At this time, ASSA plans to conduct the match here at the Chief Wa-Ke-De range. The official dates will be announced later this year.

**Question:** ASSA Match Operations inquired if the prone/F-SBR competitors want to shift firing points every day or should the 1st day firing points be retained for the entire championship?

**Response:** Competitors elected to remain at their 1st day firing points for the entire championship phase.

**Suggestion:** It was suggested to move the start time of competitor meetings to 45 minutes after the conclusion of firing to allow more time to pack gear, etc.

**Response:** Noted and will be incorporated into future meeting scheduling.

**Comment:** It was noted by the competitors that Kathy Livingstone was running the firing line very well and her time supporting the championships was appreciated.

**Response:** Thanks to all for their input.

**Question:** Would it be possible to move the metallic sight team matches up one (1) day?

**Response:** Option was presented to those in attendance and was approved for 2023.

**Comment:** Competitors were reminded that the prone and F-SBR team matches are reverse Dewar course.

**Response:** No additional comments noted.

**Comment:** It was difficult to find the proper frame positions at 100 yards. The positions should be remarked down range.

**Response:** ASSA will provide input on this issue to the Chief Wa-Ke-De range.

**Suggestion:** Put more regular trash cans on the range.

**Response:** ASSA will provide input on this issue to the Chief Wa-Ke-De range.

**Suggestion:** Would ASSA consider the addition of a "Super Senior" special category for competitors age 70+?

**Response:** The suggestion was put to a vote to all present and was approved.

**Comment:** Several competitors (approximately 6 to 8) did not receive any email updates that we sent via Mailchimp.

Response: Names and email addresses were taken for those who were not receiving updates. ASSA will check the email database and update as necessary.

Comment: There will be a group photo taken tomorrow before the start of the matches.

Response: No additional comments noted.

Comment: M. Medge stated that she hopes that this match will continue to grow.

Response: ASSA Leadership - We do too!

Suggestion: ASSA may want to consider starting a postal match with Great Britain. This may start a new tradition of an ASSA - UK NSRA team match.

Response: ASSA will initiate a discussion with the UK Roberts Team leadership on this topic.

Question: Does ASSA have a back up plan if the NRA drops the ball with future Roberts Teams, etc?

Response: ASSA Leadership has discussed this internally. Part of any advancement would require both the UK and Canada to identify ASSA as an official governing body, which would then enable ASSA to issue invitations to start both postal and shoulder to shoulder events. ASSA has also reviewed inclusion of additional countries/regions (Scotland / Ireland / Australia, etc.)

Comment: Would ASSA be in a position to assist with funding for travel, etc.?

Response: While ASSA has continued to grow our treasury (current July balance of approximately \$9,500 USD), additional funding would need to be acquired, possibly through Midway Foundation, etc. This topic would be address in parallel to any future discussions / developments regarding transition to ASSA as a governing body.

Comment: Please add ASSA sanctioned matches to the website. There is no single location fo find all ASSA sanctioned matches.

Response: ASSA will continue to develop the website for better support of the competitors.

Suggestion: ASSA might want to consider additional fundraising at sanctioned matches. Maybe use the "Bisley Bob Sticker Match" or something similar to the old NRA/ISSF Development Fund.

Response: ASSA Leadership will review and try to incorporate such fundraising as appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted: Ken Benyo - ASSA Secretary / Treasurer