



Michigan Sporting Clays Association

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Date/time: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 Started: 8:00 PM Ended: 9:00 PM
Location: Conference Call
Purpose/notes: Regular scheduled meeting. Conference call 1-888-331-6293, Participation code 1124713.
Chaired by: Drew Lieske
Minuted rec. by: Drew Lieske
Status: Minutes drafted

Attendance

Present: Neal Fusner, Ryan Gates, Matthew Grunzweig, Stu Jalving, Raymond Jones, Drew Lieske
Late: Jovan Blackwell, Jim Kralik
Absent: Russell Brzezinski, Dennis McKeough

Meeting documents

None

Agenda

1. Committee business

1.1. Review Agenda

Status: Completed

1.2. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer, Dennis McKeough, was not present for the meeting and did not provide any balance documentation. Ryan Gates mentioned that he is still awaiting a reimbursement check from Mr. McKeough in the amount of \$470 for the 2016 Michigan All State Team trophies. Drew will contact Mr. McKeough and request that (a) Mr. Gates be reimbursed as soon as possible and (b) that he send the Board an up to date report which indicates the balance, income and expenses since the last meeting.

Status: Completed

1.3. Website Report

Drew emailed all Board Members an analytics report prior to the meeting. Website traffic has been steady and the percentage (%) of new users remains high (35%+). Neal Fusner requested that we add a page that provides a more thorough cost-benefit analysis for new shooters. This section of the website should focus primarily on two target markets: women and youth shooters. Drew will begin gathering and creating content and will contact MI SCTP Director Matthew Gay to discuss cross-promoting both the MSCA and the MI SCTP.

Status: Completed



2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1. Hall of Fame - By Laws Amendment

Discussion of amending and approving by-laws to reflect a service distinction as part of the MSCA Hall of Fame.

Jovan to send drafted article to Board Members by end of day on Thursday September 15, 2016.

Status: Parked

2.2. Director Terms Expiring

The following three directors have terms expiring December 31, 2016:

- Jovan Blackwell
- Dennis McKeough
- Raymond Jones

Discussion of the aforementioned directors willingness to re-run for the 2017-2019 term, and potentially other candidates as well.

Jovan is willing to re-run on an "as needed" basis pending the amount of interest from other MSCA members.

Raymond Jones has elected to take a term off and will not be a candidate on the ballot. Due to Dennis McKeough's absence, his candidacy status is unknown.

Status: Completed

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1. 2017 MSCA Shoot Schedule

Discussion of the timeline and deadlines for clubs to submit 2017 NSCA registered shoot dates.

Drew will send letters via email and USPS mail to all clubs with details on submitting NSCA shoot dates for the 2017 calendar year. Clubs will have the opportunity to submit their desired dates either electronically via the MSCA website or via mail. The board voted on an **October 31, 2016** deadline for all submissions. Once all dates have been received, the 2017 calendar will be drafted. Any conflicts will be reviewed by the Board and resolved.

Status: Completed

3.2. Caledonia Sportsman's Club

Drew was contacted by Mr. Michael Keyes of Caledonia Sportsmen's Club. This is the club that had several complaints regarding not changing their targets for their NSCA events, as well as allowing groups of 2 to score themselves.

Mr. Keyes kindly commented that he had thought that changing (tilting, raising, lowering, etc.) approximately 85% of the machines as well as some of the station positions would suffice. He feels that his grounds, infrastructure and help restrict his ability to present a true "VIRGIN" course. He has canceled his remaining NSCA events at his club due to the complaints he has received.

Stu Jalving provided feedback on his experiences at Caledonia Sportsman's Club. He stated that he believed the complaints to be accurate for the most part, and that the presentations were not significantly varied from the club's



normal operations. The NSCA rule book states that "anyone who shoots the course prior to the competition is ineligible to compete in the tournament" and that "shooters must have a significantly different presentation of targets for each event" (31). The Board wishes that Caledonia renew its membership for 2017 and continue to host events. However, it is compulsory that they abide by the NSCA rules. A member of the Board will give the club a call and provide the specifics of the rules as well as offer suggestions on how to abide by said rules.

Status: Completed

3.3. Pine Ridge Discussion

Neal Fusner notified the Board that Pine Ridge is considering withdrawing from the Michigan Sporting Clays Association as a result of the Great Lakes conflict. Neal stated that Pine Ridge is dissatisfied with the MSCA's support. Raymond Jones added that the Board acted per the By-Laws by re-bidding the event. Several members of the Board offered to assist in the successful execution of the event, but under the terms of the original approved bid.

Neal strongly suggests that the Board and its members make an effort to support and encourage attendance at Pine Ridge so that the club continues to host NSCA sanctioned events.

Status: Completed

3.4. 2017 U.S. FITASC Grand Prix

Michigan Shooting Centers requests that the Michigan Sporting Clays Association consider a monetary investment in the **2017 U.S. FITASC Grand Prix**. Across the country, it is very common for the state association to invest in a shoot of this type. At the 2016 National FITASC, for example, the Illinois Sporting Clays Association donated \$2,500 to sponsor a dinner for the shoot attendees. The expense would be largely offset by shoot fees. At the current enrollment, the Michigan Sporting Clays Association fees for the event total \$2,403.

Jovan strongly encouraged the board to offer some type of monetary support for the Grand Prix. The unique nature of this event warrants MSCA endorsement and assistance. However, due to the absence of the Board's treasurer, this agenda item will be parked until the next meeting.

Status: Deferred: 11/5/2016

4. MISC

4.1. Date Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday November 05, 2016 at Island Lake Shooting Range in Brighton, Michigan. Meeting to commence at 10:30am EST.

Status: Completed
