



MEETING MINUTES - Michigan Sporting Clays Association

Meeting

Date Wednesday, February 15, 2023
Started 6:06 PM
Ended 7:37 PM
Location ZOOM Meeting
Purpose Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by Matt Little
Recorder Mary Jo Birka

Attendance

Present: Bob Ahrens, Mary Jo Birka, Neal Fusner, Matt Hayes, Jim Kralik, Matt Little, Charles Schneider, Dan Williams
Absent: Steve Trudeau

Minutes

1. Committee business

1.1. President's Report, Review/Approve Meeting Minutes

*Like Agenda, assumed approval unless edits noted by Directors prior to the scheduled meeting. This is to allow more time each meeting for open items and discussion. Motion to approve the agenda as printed.

Motion: Matt L.

Second: Charlie

Motion passed.

*Welcome new board member Bob Ahrens. Matt L. welcomed Bob Ahrens to the Board. Bob will have a three-year term that began on 1/1/23 and ends on 12/31/25.

*Representing the MSCA as board members. Matt L. took a moment to remind us that as board members we are held to a higher standard. We are expected to "stand taller" and always be business-like and professional with our shooters and our member clubs. We are not allowed to take money or other gifts from our clubs or do anything that could appear to be a conflict of interest.

*Resignation of Troy Spicer. Matt L. received a verbal resignation from Troy Spicer on 2/14/23. In the absence of a written document, it was necessary for the board to vote to accept Troy's verbal resignation.

Motion to accept: Matt L.

Second: Matt Hayes

Abstained: Mary Jo

Motion passed.

Status: Completed

1.1.1. Subcommittee Reports

Status: Completed



1.1.1.1. Liaison to Member Clubs

Matt L, Matt H, Troy and Dan

*Anything new from our member clubs? Matt Hayes visited Blendon Pines, North Ottawa, and Kent County. They have agreed to hold an Iron Man Tournament in 2024.

*Gun River will hold a charity Turkey Tracks Shoot on May 5-7. The club hosts children with various handicaps for a turkey hunt. They practice at Gun River first. The next day farmers or landowners take the kids out to hunt turkey. All expenses are paid for the hunter and his family including travel, lodging, food and license. You can send donations to Turkey Tracks Hunt 41 Pine Road Plainwell, Michigan 49080

*Matt L. had a site visit with North Ottawa and Kent County.

*Matt L. spoke with Matt Gay, VP of SCTP. The Mason Shooting Complex will have skeet, 2 sporting clays courses and 5 stand added to their site for the June 10 MISCTP State Tournament. They may also have ZZ birds, but no rifle or pistol on site.

*Dan would like to see the Western Michigan Championship back on the schedule for 2024. It has been off the schedule since 2002. It was a 2 day shoot.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.2. Fundraising

*Final Cool Wick Shirt design has been announced. Matt Hayes will order his own shirt first because this is a new supplier. Our new shirt supplier is Detroit's Own in Livonia.

*Matt Hayes is looking into some fun games for our state shoot. Matt Gay is a possibility with his Money Bird game/fundraiser.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.3. By-Laws Review

*Matt L., Jim and Charlie

*How is the by-law review progressing? Nothing has been done so far.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.4. Shoot Dates

Matt L., and Mary J

*DGC has added a 100 bird Super Sporting (old style) shoot on February 19th. This was approved and flyer went out.

*Bay County has also added a 100 bird sporting event on February 18th. That has also been approved

Status: Completed

1.1.1.5. Additional Shoot Posters and Shoot Cards

Matt L., and Mary Jo

*I still have a couple of Shoot Posters not spoken for. I have one for the Moose Club and Neal has asked for one. I have 3 more if anyone wants one. They will be available when I get home in April.



*I also have 150 more shoot cards. If a club needs more let me know. I can put them in the mail.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.6. Liaison to SCTP

*Matt L., Mary Jo and Neal

*Matt L. and Dan went to the MISCTP fundraiser at Detroit Sportsmen's Congress. They had 140 in attendance and made \$19,536 to be used for the MISCTP programs.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.7. Treasurer's Report

*Neal. We have \$36,000+ in our checking account currently.

Status: Completed

1.2. Secretary's Report/NSCA News

*I had difficulty getting Neal's fourth quarter financial report incorporated into the meeting minutes last month. I wanted to include both pages in the minutes but had a tough time making it happen. My Committee was contacted to help out.

*I sent emails out to all member clubs regarding sub gauge punches being held over for 3 years instead of 2. The reason is because fewer sub gauge events are available in a calendar year. Shooters are having trouble punching up to their previous class.

*I attended my first Executive Council Meeting in San Antonio on January 27-28. It was a whirlwind couple of days, and much was accomplished.

*I have been working with Bay County and Lewiston to get a logo made for their clubs. Matt's daughter Elizabeth is currently working with both clubs on logo designs.

*This week I need to send out the 2024 State shoot bid proposal letters to Island Lake, Bald Mountain, Grand Blanc, Detroit Gun Club, and Kent County Conservation. I will hold back the 2024 Great Lakes Tournament bid proposal letters, until our committee updates our by-laws. Once our by-laws are reviewed and updated, additional clubs may qualify to hold the Great Lakes tournament.

Status: Completed

1.2.1. Member Outreach - Facebook

*Jim. In the past 90 days, our FACEBOOK page has had 5,005 visits. Thanks to Jim for posting last minute information quickly in order to keep our shooters updated.

*Jim needs to announce Troy's resignation this week.

Status: Completed

1.2.2. Member Outreach - Miclays.com

*The FORUM has been eliminated.

*Dan. How is the website upgrade coming? Dan still needs short bios on the board members and a picture sent to him to post on our site.

*The site looks great. He is still needing to update a few member club logos.

*Still on the to-do list is the addition of a sponsor tab and a picture tab.



*Neal has requested that Dan review and update the club list on the STRIPE portal.

Status: Completed

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1. Spartan Series Update

*Matt L, Matt Hayes and Dan,

*Shoot Update? A meeting will be held next week.

*Trophy Update? Looking into options to have a Spartan Helmet made to use as a trophy.

*Logo Update? Logo is done.

*We need a flyer made and posted ASAP.

Status: Deferred until 3/13/2023

2.1.1. 2023 State Shoot

*We formed a committee for the 2023 Michigan State Championship at Bald Mountain. Committee members are Matt L., Mary Jo, Matt Hayes and Jim.

*Drew is handling the station sponsors for the shoot.

*We are looking for a vendor and price info for gun socks to purchase for the shooters at our state shoot. Christina is checking for the Ohio price from last year. Matt L. has asked Drew from Orion Outdoors if they will sponsor them, and Drew seemed to be interested. Barepelt will sell them to us for \$22 each. Matt Hayes has another vendor at a better price. We want to compare the quality and price of both choices before we decide.

*Drew is looking into bringing in food trucks for lunch at the state shoot. They can include lunch in the price of the shoot and hand out vouchers for each day, or just let the shooter purchase their own food with the shoot at a reduced price.

*Drew told Matt L. that we could get event sponsors for individual events such as prelim, 5 stand etc.

*We will not ask Pacific Sporting Arms for any donations for the state shoot.

Status: Deferred until 3/13/2023

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1. MSCA Banners for Largest Member Clubs (4)

Matt L., Matt Hayes and Mary Jo

*We checked the prices on banners at 2 vendors, and decided to use Staples again because they are nearby.

*The banners will be vinyl with holes like the Pacific banner we ordered last year. 3X4ft or 3X5ft. all the same size. They will each have the Logo of the club and our MSCA Logo. The words will say "**PROUD SUPPORTER OF THE MICHIGAN SPORTING CLAYS COMMUNITY**". I will call the clubs to be sure that they will post the banner at their club, before ordering each banner. We will order 2 for MSC (Bald Mt and Island Lake), Grand Blanc, and Detroit Gun Club.



Status: Completed

3.1.1. Target setting Clinic

Mary Jo

*Our target setting clinics are taking off. At last count DGC has 7 people registered for the March clinic, and Grand Blanc has 6 registered for their clinic in April. Charlie will call Vince to arrange for lunch for that day. Vince is talking about getting a large party sub and chips and pop etc. Vince might need for Charlie to pick something up for him. Each club has a \$200 budget to work with. Detroit Gun Club will be handling lunch themselves. Matt will check with Scottie or Jessica.

*The hosting club needs to invoice the MSCA Treasurer after the event has been completed. The invoice should include \$200 for event lunches, and a \$25 charge for each member club target setter that attends. Shooters and non-member club workers will pay the full \$50 to attend the clinic.

Status: Deferred until 3/13/2023

3.1.1.1. Member Club Software

Dan.

*The MSCA would like to suggest that all of our member clubs use some type of registration/scoring software. Scorechaser would be our first choice, but iClays would be acceptable as well.

*Dan would like permission from the board to pursue Scorechaser or iClays registration software for our member clubs that do not currently use it. Scorechaser has several levels of service, including a "no frills" version that is completely free.

Motion to approve: Mary Jo

Second: Charlie

Motion passed.

*Dan could use our ZOOM meeting software to train new users if necessary.

Status: Completed

4. Next Meeting Date

4.1. Date Next Meeting

Monday March 13th at 6pm. Zoom meeting.

Status: Completed

4.2. Adjournment

Resolution #: Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Charles Schneider

seconded: Jim Kralik

Status: Carried

Vote:
