



MEETING MINUTES - Michigan Sporting Clays Association

Meeting

Date Monday, March 13, 2023
Started 6:00 PM
Ended 8:07 PM
Location ZOOM Meeting
Purpose Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by Matt Little
Recorder Mary Jo Birka

Attendance

Present: Bob Ahrens, Mary Jo Birka, Matt Hayes, Jim Kralik, Matt Little, Charles Schneider, Dan Williams
Absent: Neal Fusner, 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 past meeting minutes as written?

Motion: Dan

Second: Matt H

Presidents Report

*March 2023 Newsletter approved by e-vote

*Spartan Rules and Policies approved by e-vote

*Jason Binando sportsmanship award plaque. Jim already has the plaque material. Jim will do the writeup. Mary Jo will contact Melissa Binando to allow her to select the picture for the plaque. The plaques that we have had made in the past were done in Grand Blanc. Mary Jo will investigate that when she arrives home from Florida.

*Matt L suggested that we do some type of early registration incentive to support Detroit Gun Club's Motorstate Tournament in June. Michigan shooters usually register late, or just show up on the day of the tournament. It is difficult for the clubs to plan for squadding and meals when they have no idea the number of shooters that will attend. Mary Jo suggested that we work with Scott at DGC to offer the first 100 registrations a free warmup round as an incentive. The MSCA would pay for those free rounds. Mary Jo will talk to Scott next week to get the cost information.

Status: Completed

1.1.1. Subcommittee Reports

Status: Completed



1.1.1.1. Liaison to Member Clubs

Matt L, Matt H, and Dan

Anything new from our member clubs?

*We are in the process of adding Mason Home Grounds as a new member club. Duane Lanphere is paying NSCA yearly dues (\$100) so they can be issued a club number. They will pay their MSCA dues (\$75) to Neal as well. Mason Home Grounds needs to acquire a national membership because they are applying to NSCA for a grant. The NSCA will be giving grants to Youth Shooting Organizations this year from their newly established Endowment fund.

*Loraine already put the paperwork in to Lori Bachman for their State Shoot on June 10. They already have a shoot number. Loraine will make sure that all the shoot paperwork for the state shoot is correctly submitted and paid.

*Matt H visited North Ottawa Rod & Gun Club. He said that it is a really nice facility. Currently they have 12 stations with 3 traps per station. Due to the weather, only 2 traps are being utilized.

*Matt H also reported that Gun River may want to become a member club again at some point

Status: Completed

1.1.1.2. Fundraising

Matt L. and Matt H.

*Final Dry Wick Shirt design. The board of directors dry wick shirts have been received. They look great with all the sponsors logos on them.

*Matt H is working on a design for a dry wick shirt for the Spartan Series. They would not be personalized, but our cost would be low. We might be able to sell them to shooters as a fundraiser.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.3. By-Laws Review

*Matt L., Jim and Charlie

*How is the by-law review progressing?

*Matt L has started the by-laws review. He is currently making the necessary changes to the by-laws which will allow more clubs to qualify for the Michigan State Championship and the Great Lakes Tournament. The previous by-laws had shoot number and shoot attendance minimum rules. If the minimum requirements from the previous year were not met, a number of our clubs were not eligible to bid on the Great Lakes Tournament. The attendance minimums are being removed in order to allow more clubs to qualify for both of our larger shoots.

* Matt L. also wants to update our by-laws, to make the document easier to understand.

*After completing his review, Matt will send the by-laws to Jim and Charlie for their final review.

*Matt L also reported that we will be adding a Corporate or Honorary MSCA membership clause to the by-laws. With this addition, the MSCA board could award an honorary membership to a donor, that has made a monetary or product donation to be used at an event or for scholarship purposes.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.4. Shoot Dates

Matt L. and Mary Jo



*Nothing new this month

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

*Currently Matt L has three, \$1000.00 donors for SCTP scholarships. The MSCA will donate one, and he has 2 other private donors for the other two. Loraine Malloy said at our last meeting that the SCTP will probably be able to add \$500.00 to each scholarship for a total of \$1500.00 per recipient. The scholarships will be awarded at the MISCTP State Tournament in Mason on June 10th. A few of our board members will be present at the ceremony.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.7. Treasurer's Report

*No official report due at this time.

*Checking account balance at this time? Matt L reports that our checking account balance is approximately \$36,765.00.

Status: Completed

1.2. Secretary's Report/NSCA News

Mary Jo

NSCA News

*Part of my job on the Executive Committee, is to review and update rules and policies that need to be changed. As a group of 15, we discuss the item to be updated or changed. Nicki Bowers from the NSCA staff writes a draft. We all read through the proposed changes as written and then e-vote. Then it goes to the Delegates for final approval. Once approved, the rule or policy goes into effect immediately.

*This week I voted on 8 changes that we discussed as a group at our winter meeting in January. I will have the new rules/policies at next month's meeting. The sub-gauge punches issue was one of our changes. It was put into effect a few weeks ago. The new issues: coaching in the stand during competition, taking too long in the stand and Super Squad selection criteria for Nationals. The new rules will only affect those shooters that attend regional shoots, the US Open, and the National Championship. At the larger shoots, it is critical to keep everyone moving. One slow shooter can impact a whole rotation. The new rules will hopefully help keep everyone on schedule.

Status: Completed

1.2.1. Member Outreach - Facebook

Jim



*No report due at this time.

*Jim, do you have any comments? On our FACEBOOK page we had 974 followers in March with >2000 engagements. The Multi-Lakes April 2nd shoot posting drew a lot of attention.

*Matt H is asking us to advertise the Gun River Turkey Trot on our FACEBOOK page. Matt H will provide the flyer to Jim.

*Motion to approve the post: Dan

*Second: Mary Jo Motion passed.

Status: Completed

1.2.2. Member Outreach - Miclays.com

Mary Jo and Dan

*Please get your bios to Dan ASAP so he can complete our MSCA BOD members info sheet. It looks great so far.

*Thanks to Jim for posting our newsletter information so quickly. Our signup for our new newsletter has maxed out. The March newsletter has already gone out. No negative comments so far.

*Dan is suggesting that in lieu of a long message from the president/secretary on a particular newsletter, we might highlight a shooter or shooting coach, that is really a great ambassador for our sport. The board agrees.

*Dan also noted that with this year's shoot schedule being so full, he may have difficulty reporting all monthly scores on the newsletter.

Status: Completed

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1. Spartan Series Update

Matt L., Matt H., and Dan

*The rules for the Spartan Series were written and approved by e-vote.

*The flyer was produced by Matt H. It will be sent to all 3 clubs and put on FACEBOOK and MICLAYS.

*Games will be set up at all 3 shoots. Matt Gay has agreed to run Money Bird at the Kent County Conservation shoot. Jordan Hintz has agreed to have SNOOKER (Make a Break) at the Hillsdale shoot. Mary Jo will ask Scottie next week if he will set up one or both games at his Spartan Final shoot.

Status: Completed

2.1.1. 2023 State Shoot

Matt L., Mary Jo, and Matt H

*Anything new? We have not heard anything new about the state shoot. Matt L will reach out to Pat this week to get an update.

*Matt H says he will have information on the cost of the gun sock. Drew has shown interest in sponsoring the gun socks. He just needs to know the price to make the final decision.

Status: Completed



3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1. MSCA Banners for Largest Member Clubs (4)

Mary Jo

*The MSCA, member club banners have been designed. I am working on contacting the member clubs individually to see which version they would like. Initially we thought that the blue background looked the best. Then MSC (Drew) asked if they could have theirs with the white background instead. I decided that since there is no additional charge, the clubs could decide which one they would like. I will order them soon from Staples. They will be shipped to Matt L. He will receive them and start getting them distributed to the clubs.

*The banners are 2X3, indoor vinyl so they will last longer. Since they will be much less expensive than what we originally expect, I would like permission to order 10 at a time instead of 4. They will be about \$40 each instead of \$100 plus each. I would like to do half of our clubs this year, and half next year. What do you think?

*Motion to Approve the purchase of 10 banners: Dan

*Second: Matt H Motion passed

Status: Completed

3.1.1. Target setting Clinic

Mary Jo

*The target setting clinics are filling up. DGC has closed their clinic with 13. Vince has 12 so far. He will accept up to 15. Traci will handle the lunch for GBHC. She is working that day anyway. Charlie, you can attend the clinic if you would like to. Please let Vince know you are coming. **Is it possible to give GBHC their lunch money in advance?** Traci should not have to pay for lunch out of her own pocket and wait for reimbursement.

*MSC clinic is not until October. I am not worried about numbers for that one right now. I will handle lunch at that clinic.

*In my section of the NEW newsletter, I reminded the clubs and shooters about the target setting clinic. We opened up the GBHC clinic to shooters to fill the spots.

*I explained to Jessica at Detroit about the invoice for their clinic. She knows that she has to invoice Neal for the lunch stipend (\$200). Also, on the invoice she will include the names of the persons that are member club target setters. Those persons will be sponsored by us for half of their clinic fee (\$25).

Status: Completed

3.1.1.1. Member Club Software

Dan

*Any Updates? Dan has been working with our member clubs on getting them all set up on Scorechaser. 4 clubs will not be using Scorechaser: Alpena, Action, Seaway, and Lewiston. Good work Dan.

Status: Completed

4. Next Meeting Date

4.1. Date Next Meeting

April 10 6-8pm

Status: Completed



4.2. Adjournment

Resolution #: Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Charles Schneider

seconded: Mary Jo Birka

Status: Carried

Vote:
