



MEETING MINUTES - Michigan Sporting Clays Association

Meeting

Date Wednesday, September 6, 2023
Started 6:06 PM
Ended 7:21 PM
Location ZOOM Meeting
Purpose Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by Matt Little
Recorder Mary Jo Birka

Attendance

Present: Mary Jo Birka, Jim Kralik, Matt Little, Charles Schneider
Absent: Bob Ahrens, 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: Matt

*Second: Charlie

*2024 Great Lakes Championship bid letters went out right after our last meeting. So far, we have no bids, but are anticipating at least 1-2. End date is September 30.

*MICHIGAN SPORTING CLAYS ASSOCIATION

WEBMASTER

This proposal was created based on the request of MSCA President Matt Little.

Dan Williams is proposing a fee of \$2,000 to take ownership of the MSCA Website, E-mail distribution & MSCA's Monthly Newsletter.

\$1,000 to be paid by the beginning of Q4 (10/01) to cover responsibilities through Q1. Q2 and Q3 to be paid in \$500 increments.

Example:

Q4 '23 & Q1 '24 - \$1,000 to be paid no later than 10/01

Q2 '24 – \$500 to be paid by 04/01

Q3 '24 - \$500 to be paid by 07/01

Total: (\$2,000)

Motion to accept proposal as written: Charlie



Second: Mary Jo Motion Passed.

Member Poll: Charlie-Aye, Matt- Aye, Mary Jo-Aye, Jim- Aye.

*Trophy status for the Great Lakes. Trophies have been received from Laser Creations by Matt, and they look good.

*Matt and Mary Jo received an email from Robert Ahrens on Sept 6th. He has resigned from the board due to time conflicts with family and business. We thank him for his service to the board and wish him the best in the future. Motion to accept Bob Ahrens resignation: Charlie

*Second: Jim

Status: Completed

1.1.1. Subcommittee Reports

Status: Completed

1.1.1.1. Liaison to Member Clubs

*Any comments on the MSC Trail #3, Hillsdale or Bay County shoots?

MSC Trail Shoot #3 was a good shoot with 130 in attendance. Hillsdale's shoot was a fundraiser for the shooting team. 61 shooters attended and they made \$2900.00 for the team. The Bay County shoot was great as well.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.2. Fundraising

*We have 6 station sponsors for the Great Lakes: Huron Pointe, Hillsdale, Capital, Michigan SCTP, and Detroit (2). I saved the signs from last year which means that I only had to order 2 new ones at a cost of \$43.60. Charged \$50 each so invoiced \$300.00 and total cost was \$43.60= a profit of \$256.40.

*Station sponsor signs were posted at the Great Lakes Championship.

*At the Great Lakes Championship, the MSCA had an ear plug sale. The prize was a \$1500.00 gift certificate for Pilla glasses that was provided by Clay Target Vision, one of our Platinum Sponsors. The sale was a huge success with the MSCA earning \$780.00.

*Also at the Great Lakes, we continued with our foam earplug sale with the Beretta A400 as a prize. \$200.00 was collected to add to the \$160.00 collected at Spartan #1, and \$260.00 collected at Spartan #2. With one more sale at Spartan #3, we have already collected \$620.00.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.3. By-Laws Review

*By-laws review update? The by-laws review is complete. Jim sent copies to all board members to review

Status: Completed

1.1.1.4. Shoot Dates

*Shoot date hard copy letters are ready to be mailed soon. E-mail copy will go out at the same time. Sent one to Gun River because they have shown interest in becoming a member club again. Letters mailed.



*The shoot calendar is printed and ready to go. Will use the same procedure as last year because it worked very well.

*Matt is checking to see if Value Copy is still open. The owner stated last year that she might be retiring this year. Value Copy is still open. Mary Jo will try to do most of the set-up herself to save time and money.

*Are we for sure doing shoot cards and posters again this year instead of the fancy flyer like Wisconsin sent out? Shoot cards and posters will be done.

*Should we increase the advertising price for the 3 squares on the shoot card from \$250 to maybe \$400? No increase in price.

*Should we charge separately to advertise for the 3 spots on the bottom of the club posters as well? We will charge separately for the extra three spots on the bottom of the poster.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.5. Liaison to SCTP

*The SCTP season is now over. No news at this time.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.6. Treasurer's Report

*Current checking account balance is approximately \$32,500.

Status: Completed

1.2. Secretary's Report/NSCA News

*The sub-gauge interest letter is ready for approval. Letter was approved and mailed on 9/7/23 to all member clubs.

*I would like to purchase snacks and Gatorade for the Great Lakes and Spartan #3. Instead of bringing out a separate cart, I will ask the club to put out the snacks and drinks with their water. Susan Bailo helped me put out the snacks and drinks both days. We ran out of snacks on Sunday before lunch. I will purchase more snacks in the future and purchase more ice for the coolers.

Status: Completed

1.2.1. Member Outreach - Facebook

*No report due now. But any comments? The numbers on FACEBOOK have been pretty consistent. Behavior on the site continues to be good.

*There is a new sporting clays club near Big Rapids, MI called Two Hats Ranch. They also have whitetail deer hunts at the club.

Status: Completed

1.2.2. Member Outreach - Miclays.com

*Dan has made the necessary updates to MICLAYS during the third quarter.

*The August newsletter went out to the shooters.

Status: Completed

2. OLD BUSINESS



2.1. Spartan Series Update

*Spartan #3 is upcoming. I will not be there. I will make sure that Scott has all of our banners to post in advance. The Beretta A400 for the drawing will be given to Detroit to display at the shoot. Matt Topor from Pacific has been contacted about returning the gun to Pacific on Saturday, so the winner can pick it up on Tuesday when they reopen.

*All ticket sales materials and ticket box will be left at DGC to be used for the drawing. For the gun drawing, the winner does not need to be present to win. If the winner is not present, Matt can call them using their cell number from the winning ticket.

*Matt is bringing one flat of shells for random draw per class (M-E), plus one for the lowest total score for the 3 main events.

*Matt will also hold a foam earplug sale, with Bone Dry gun slips and pistol cases for the prizes. Matt will also have foam earplugs available for the A400 drawing.

*For 2024, will we use the same 3 clubs to host the Spartan Series, or use others? Do we want to add a 4th club? Bay County has shown interest in being part of the Spartan Series. For 2024 we will add another stop to the Spartan Series. Mary Jo will contact Bay County to see if they might be interested in hosting the additional stop.

***Matt might need help** at lunch when he is giving away the first 7 flats of shells and the gun slips and pistol sleeves. He will also need help after the last scores are in. Scott said that he would serve dinner at that time to give us time for the calculations. The big checks are ready to be filled in for the winners of the Spartan Series purse. The last flat of shells is to be awarded to the shooter with the lowest overall score for all three main events. Matt and Mary Jo decided that she will pre-draw the winners for the ammunition, gun slips and pistol cases in order to make the process quicker since we are short staffed. Matt, Jim and Charlie will do the final calculations after all of the shoot scores are in and award all trophies and checks. Trophies have been purchased for the Grand Champion, Runner Up, first, second and third place for classes M-E. Jim will take pictures of the winners with their checks and trophies.

Status: Completed

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1. Target Setting Clinics

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*Updated flyer has gone out. Flyer is shown below without logos.

THE MICHIGAN SPORTING CLAYS ASSOCIATION IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR FINAL 2023 TARGET SETTING CLINIC

THE MSCA IS SPONSORING ONE MORE CLAY TARGET SETTING CLINIC. THE CLINIC WILL RUN FROM 9-NOON ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023 WITH LUNCH TO FOLLOW. 2014 NATIONAL CHAMPION PAT LIESKE IS THE TARGET SETTING EXPERT AT MICHIGAN SHOOTING CENTERS-ISLAND LAKE. THE CLUB IS LOCATED AT 13600 GRAND RIVER ROAD BRIGHTON, MI. WE WILL MEET IN THE CLUBHOUSE. PLEASE DRESS FOR THE WEATHER BECAUSE YOU WILL BE OUTSIDE MOST OF THE TIME. THE COST IS \$50 FOR THE EVENT, WHICH IS PAYABLE IN CASH TO THE CLUB, ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT. IF YOU ARE A TARGET SETTER AT ONE OF OUR MEMBER CLUBS AND THEY AGREE TO SPONSOR YOU, BRING \$25 FROM THE CLUB MANAGEMENT AND THE MSCA WILL PAY THE REST. PREREGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT IS NECESSARY. WE ARE LIMITING THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS TO 10-12. IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR YOU TO BE A TARGET SETTER TO ATTEND. SHOOTERS CAN BENEFIT FROM LEARNING THE TARGET SETTERS "TRICKS", IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN SHOOTING SCORES.



PREREGISTER WITH MARY JO BIRKA DIRECTLY AT (810) 599-5886 BY CELL OR TEXT. YOUR NAME, EMAIL, AND CELL NUMBER IS ALL THAT IS NEEDED. YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION TEXT PROMPTLY. CALL THE SAME NUMBER TO CANCEL. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

MSCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Status: Completed

4. Next Meeting Date

4.1. Date Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday October 9th at 6pm.

Status: Completed

4.2. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Charlie

Second: MaryJo Motion passed

Resolution #: Motion to Adjourn

Moved:

seconded:

Status: Carried

Vote:
