



MEETING MINUTES - Michigan Sporting Clays Association

Meeting

Date Monday, November 18, 2024
Started 6:07 PM
Ended 7:47 PM
Location ZOOM Meeting
Purpose Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by Matt Little
Recorder Mary Jo Birka

Attendance

Present: Mary Jo Birka, Brooks Hutton, Jim Kralik, Matt Little, Greg Roxbury
Late: Charles Schneider
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 past meeting minutes as written: Jim

Second: Brooks Motion passed.

Presidents Corner:

*We will be accepting some new board members into the MSCA in January. The bylaws state that we can have 9 members plus National Delegates. We have 4 applicants and 4 positions available, so a ballot is not required. We need to look at each applicant so we will know what experiences each person is bringing to the board.

*Amber Brown: We all know her. Amber is writing a short bio and sending a picture to Dan for the website. She has agreed to take over our FACEBOOK page when Jim steps down.

*Dale Fulkerson: Retired company owner who was in business for 33 years. People that know me can tell you that there is no other place I would rather be than on the course with a shotgun in my hands. Started shooting clays seriously in 2018 and have not looked back. Typically shoot 6 to 8K registered targets a year. Have traveled to many venues up and down the east coast as well as the Midwest. Originally from Shelby Twp but have resided in Livonia the last 29 years. I believe I can contribute with the skills I have acquired over the years to assist in growing and enhancing the MSCA. Dale has agreed to become our Treasurer beginning in January.

*Brian Long: I currently reside in Owosso Michigan with my wife of 40 years Jannea. We have two adult daughters; Alyssa and Justine and we are also blessed with three grandchildren. I am employed as a healthcare executive,



and for the last 12 years have served as the President/CEO of Memorial Healthcare System. I have also worked in healthcare consulting and earlier as a healthcare auditor. I have an undergraduate degree in accounting, and an MBA degree from Northwood University, as well as a post graduate doctoral degree (ABD) from Central Michigan University. I am also a Certified Public Accountant. I served 4 years in the United States Marine Corps.

I am a lifelong shooting enthusiast and have enjoyed many of the shooting sports including NRA 4 position smallbore rifle shooting as a junior and later shooting big bore rifle competition in the Marine Corps and as a civilian. I also shot competitive pistol many years ago including bullseye, PPC and later IDPA. I returned to the shooting sports about 15 years ago primarily focused on skeet shooting where I was a member of both the NSSA and MSA. I served on the Michigan Skeet Association board for several years. I became active in the NSCA through the cross over program and have been more focused in sporting clays for about 4 years now and I am currently classified as AA. Brian has agreed to assist Dale with tax forms if necessary.

*Jovan Blackwell: I am a husband, father of 3 and work for AT&T Global Services for the last 22 years. My 12-year shooting experience has consisted of everything from serving previously on the MSCA Board as the MSCA President for 7 years and Vice President for a year prior.

I have been blessed to travel all over the country shooting and representing Michigan sporting clays. Aside from sporting clays I am an avid bird hunter and fisherman, generally enjoying most things outdoors.

*Matt Houtteman is a NSCA Life Member and Level III Instructor. He began shooting registered competitions in 1997 at the age of 12. Matt has taken HOA at multiple Michigan State Championships, Great Lakes Championships, Motor State Opens and qualified for the Super Final at the World English Sporting Championship in 2019. He has been a member of numerous All-State, All-Zone, and All-American Teams in addition to being inducted into the MSCA Hall of Fame in 2018 for shooting merit. Matt holds bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from Purdue University and is married with two young children. Matt's vast experience, long term success, and recognition put him in a unique position to be a powerful advocate for the continued improvement, protection, and growth of our sport.

*Motion to accept new board members as presented: Mary Jo

*Second: Greg Motion passed.

*Mary Jo will send out the welcome letters to the new board members. Jim and Dan will be notified so they can post the new members names online.

*Shot Tracker: The Shot Tracker discussion continues to be an ongoing process. In order for us to disallow the use of Shot Tracker in our state, the board has to take a second look at the ruling they made regarding the Shot Cam last year. We need to convince them that the newer technology Shot Tracker has changed the picture significantly. The improved technology is taking our sport in a direction that we don't want long term. Brooks is writing up more information that the EC board can consider since most of them have never seen the device in use.

1.1.1.1. Liaison to Member Clubs

*Shoots since our last meeting: Bald Mt. (69), Detroit Gun Club (65), Grand Blanc (65). Any comments? Brooks was at all three shoots, and he said that they were all good shoots.

*Since last month the MSCA has picked up a new/old club, Flat River which is near Greenville. They still have manual traps for sporting. They submitted 2 shoot dates this year. They are only hosting a 5-stand event, not any sporting. Any comments on your visit? Greg and Brooks visited Flat River on Sunday. They said that it is a nice, small club but they don't believe that they will draw many shooters with just a 100 bird 5 stand. They suggest that we try to get Kent County to share a date with Flat River to have an "Iron Man". The shooters could shoot a 100-bird sporting event and a 50 bird five-stand at Kent County. Then the shooters could grab a bag lunch to eat on their way to Flat River for the final 100 bird 5-stand to close out the day. Ed from Flat River thinks this plan would be great. Greg will approach Kent County with the idea before we can proceed. If approved the shoot schedule would have to change. I will hold up the schedule until the decision is made.

1.1.1.2. Fundraising



*I would like to sell station sponsorship signs for our combined State/Great Lakes Shoots. I usually charge \$75 for one shoot but will charge \$100 per station and display them for both shoots. Yard signs are about \$25 each and I order them online to be shipped to home. Small clubs can afford \$100. I still have a number of signs that I reuse for this event. Jim suggested that we offer the clubs station sponsorship for \$75 for one event, or \$100 for both.

*Motion to approve the sale of station sponsors: Brooks

*Second: Charlie Motion passed

*Shoot cards and poster advertisements have been invoiced for \$1500 to Pacific, Orion Outdoors/Michigan Shooting, Detroit Gun Club and Multi Lakes.

*Platinum sponsorships this year so far to Pacific, Promatic, and Orion Outdoors/Michigan Shooting Centers. Any news from Clay Target Vision Greg? Greg has sent the sponsorship papers to Clay Target Vision.

*Amber Brown says that her dad (Mark Brown) may sponsor us and maybe Castellani as well. I sent her our sponsor letter to hand out. She can possibly get a Barepelt vest certificate for our state shoot as well.

1.1.1.3. Liaison to SCTP / 5 min.

*The MISCTP State Championship is at Mason on June 27-28 which is the week after our state shoot. Loraine Malloy always needs trappers for their event. Can we figure out a way to get them trappers from our shooters and our board? We can send out a flyer in the spring to see if we can locate any trappers for her.

*Can we put together a basket or something to donate for their January 25th fundraiser? Matt is planning on attending and purchasing a table. Let him know if you would like to attend. We can put together something for them to include in their raffle.

1.1.1.4. Treasurer's Report

*Checking account balance \$33,817.07 Waiting for \$750.00 shoot card sponsors, \$1300.00 in MSCA membership fees, and \$4000-6000 for general sponsorship. We still have 3 shoots this year and a few others that have not yet paid.

Status: Completed

1.2. Secretary's Report/NSCA News

*Registration is complete but there were many issues. The page and a half letter that I sent out on Sept 1st was read by NOBODY. Only 1 club does not have NSCA approved dates yet, but I know that check is in the mail. Success!!

*My shoot calendar is complete and ready to be printed. I will be at the print shop on Monday. Shoot cards and posters will be at the clubs by mid-December. Waiting for the Flat River/Kent situation to be settled before printing anything.

Status: Completed

1.2.1. Member Outreach - Facebook

*No quarterly report is due now. Jim, any comments? FACEBOOK is going great! Jim will present his final quarterly report with Amber in January. He will work with Amber before the end of the year.

Status: Completed

1.2.2. Member Outreach - Miclays.com

*Dan was unable to attend our meeting.

Status: Completed



2. OLD BUSINESS

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1. Hall of Fame

*Spoke with John Herkowitz about the Hall of Fame at Nationals. He was so happy and honored that we would consider him for the Michigan Sporting Clays Hall of Fame. He will get me a resume.

Status: Completed

3.1.1. 2025 Michigan State Championship

*Anything new on the State Championship?

*In February the SCTP teams near Grand Blanc pick their teams. After that I can start rounding up trappers for the Michigan State shoot.

*Brooks finally heard back from Top Gun. They are actually available the weekend of our state shoot. We would like to amp up our State Shoot program this year to encourage more shooters to attend. Top Gun comes from Minnesota. They will charge us \$700 for mileage. They also require a hotel room for 2 guys for 4 nights. (Hopefully we can get that donated). They have a \$350 a day minimum for main event days only (2). The club will furnish the targets (Grand Blanc). Grand Blanc will split the money with Top Gun. Top Gun keeps \$7 per game if we charge \$15. Top Gun keeps \$9 per game if we charge \$20. The Make-A-Break will run right behind the clubhouse on skeet field #2. Mary Jo and Brooks will attend Grand Blanc's next board of directors meeting on December 8th to get final approval before putting down a deposit with Top Gun.

Status: Completed

4. Next Meeting Date

4.1. Date Next Meeting

*We usually take December off.

*Next meeting January 13.

Status: Completed

4.2. Adjournment

*Motion to Adjourn: Charlie

*Second: Jim Motion passed.

Resolution #: Motion to Adjourn

Moved:

seconded:

Status: Carried

Vote:
