



MEETING MINUTES - Michigan Sporting Clays Association

Meeting

Date Monday, September 16, 2024
Started 6:00 PM
Ended 7:30 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, 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: Matt

Second: Greg

Presidents Corner:

*Score Chaser scheduling problem for the Great Lakes? Anyone else heard about any issues? Matt has not heard of any other scheduling problems. He will have Jordan Hintz take a look at their Score Chaser next week.

*Metal work is nearly complete for the Spartan trophies. The wood bases still need to be made, and the brass plates engraved. Matt Houtteman will receive the HOA trophy, and Brooks Hutton will receive the RU. Congrats to Matt and Brooks. Matt will order the bases from a supplier and get the trophies ready to be presented at the Great Lakes on October 5th.

*We need to discuss Shot Tracker. The older technology Shot Cam could help the shooter break targets, but with the use of a computer or phone screen which was not available to the shooter in the box. Shot Tracker provides a faster technology which allows the shooter to receive corrections via earbuds immediately. The advertisement says, "Instantly see and hear how you missed and make corrections to your next shot". "It's like having a coach on your gun." Currently the "no coaching" rule only applies for Regionals, the US Open and Nationals. However, that rule was put in place prior to Shot Tracker. And that refers to a person standing behind you trying to help you while in the box. A person coaching you and electronic coaching are on 2 different levels. The Shot Tracker technology is seeing your shot stream and the bird and advising you accordingly. It is great for practice but should never be allowed in any registered tournaments.

Before we can tell shooters that they can't use Shot Tracker in Michigan, we need to get approval from the NSCA Executive Council. The Board voted unanimously to disallow all electronic shooting aids in the State of Michigan for registered shoots only starting in 2025. Charlie will put the resolution together for us.

*Motion to adopt the Resolution once approved by the NSCA EC: Matt



Second: Brooks Motion passed.

*A few of our clubs are still having target setting issues. Vince Lori can be available to help these clubs if the board agrees. He would go to the club and set targets for an actual registered tournament. His "hands on approach" will allow the clubs target setter to see what tournament targets should look like. The board has agreed to recommend Vince Lori to those clubs that are struggling with target presentations. Vince will put together a flyer to advertise his target setting services. Vince will schedule his own dates and be paid directly by the club. The flyer will be made available to all member clubs via email.

*Trophies for the Great Lakes have been ordered. Matt has ordered belt buckles for the Great Lakes Champion and Runner up. Medals will be awarded to the First-place shooters in Classes M-E.

Status: Completed

1.1.1. Subcommittee Reports

Status: Completed

1.1.1.1. Liaison to Member Clubs

*Since our last meeting we have had the following shoots: Bald Mt (45), Huron Pt. Spartan #4 (33), Hillsdale (39), Bay County (52), Grand Blanc (66), Kent County (22), Seaway (?), and Capital (23). Any comments? This past month our shoots have been great.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.2. Fundraising

*Sponsor letters need to go out before year end.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.3. Liaison to SCTP

*Anything new from SCTP? The date for annual fundraiser is January 25, 2025.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.4. Treasurer's Report

*Checking account balance is \$34,031.33. Hillsdale's Great Lakes \$2500.00 check needs to be written. We have 13 more shoots in 2024, plus a number of others yet to pay their shoot fees.

Status: Completed

1.2. Secretary's Report/NSCA News

*2025 shoot registration has begun. Letters are out and 4 clubs have already responded. Alpena will not throw registered targets in 2025.

*The print shop that we have been using for our shoot cards and posters, Value Copy in Ann Arbor, is still open. The owner Jenn will be retiring at some point. We are planning on using her again this year. Any thoughts about the shoot cards or posters for next year? The board wants to continue with shoot cards and posters for the 2025 shoot season.

*NSCA Delegate elections for the term 25-26 are complete. This year we have 5 Delegates representing Michigan shooters: Mary Jo Birka, Amber Brown, Brooks Hutton, Greg Roxbury and Steve Trudeau. The Executive Council



election will happen soon. Nomination forms are due in by September 26th.

*The F.I.T.A.S.C. debacle continues. The Executive Council had a meeting on September 10th to put together a response to the F.I.T.A.S.C. letter sent to all F.I.T.A.S.C. certified referees dated September 4th. Here is the response:

On September 10th, the NSCA Executive Council discussed the action F.I.T.A.S.C. has taken towards certified referees and Super Sporting events. Our members' and clubs' rights to choose the sporting clays event they want to compete in will always be protected. At that meeting a sub-committee was formed to explore all options to ensure all members, free from threats, can play and/or referee ANY game they choose.

The appointed NSCA representatives who sit on the F.I.T.A.S.C. management committee will participate in a meeting with the President of F.I.T.A.S.C. on Friday September 13, 2024, to further discuss the organization's position on Super Sporting. Following that conversation, the NSCA will release its position and direction it will pursue that best serves its members as well as the US F.I.T.A.S.C. referees.

On Friday September 13, F.I.T.A.S.C. asked that we allow them until Tuesday September 17 to formulate a letter that outlines how they would like to work together with us to bring this situation to a close. The F.I.T.A.S.C. sub-committee agreed to wait and see what they would propose. As soon as the EC receives the letter, a phone meeting will take place with the F.I.T.A.S.C. sub-committee and then the entire EC. Time will tell.

Status: Completed

1.2.1. Member Outreach - Facebook

*Quarterly report not due this month.

Status: Completed

1.2.2. Member Outreach - Miclays.com

*Anything from Dan? Dan was able to update a few items on the website to ensure that our shoot registration would run smoothly. Shoot selection has begun without a hitch.

*I would like to try for next year to streamline Jim & Dan's workflow to make it more predictable for them. I would like to continue with the newsletter, even if it is just quarterly. A quarterly newsletter would be good if time allows.

*State and Great Lakes flyers should be emailed out several times prior to the event. Flyers for our raffles should also go out via email periodically. If we make a checklist, it might be easier for Dan and Jim to keep track and fit things into their lives.

Status: Completed

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1. Spartan Series Update

*Do we want to continue with the Spartan Series in 2025? If so, what clubs do we want to ask? Two Hats and Huron Pointe seem interested. The board wants to hold this discussion for next month's meeting.

Status: Completed

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1. Hall of Fame



*Nothing new.

Status: Completed

3.1.1. 2025 Michigan State Championship

*Spoke to Vince regarding Make-A-Break. They are planning on running their own game of Snooker as in the past. Brooks did some research on "Top Gun" Make-A-Break from Minnesota. Grand Blanc will probably go for "Top Gun" if we find a way to pay the expenses. We can discuss this at our next meeting.

*Maybe this would be a good time to have the Corn Hole Championship between clubs on Saturday night after dinner. Each of our member clubs could sponsor a two-man team to compete in the Saturday night tournament. We could get a trophy for bragging rights that the winning club could keep for the year.

*I also want to ask each member club to donate swag (t-shirts, shoot cards, hats) to be given away at the tournament. Clubs will be notified.

Status: Completed

4. Next Meeting Date

4.1. Date Next Meeting

*Our next meeting will be on October 14 at 6pm.

Status: Completed

4.2. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn: Charlie

Second: Brooks Motion passed.

Resolution #: Motion to Adjourn

Moved:

seconded:

Status: Carried

Vote:
