



# MEETING AGENDA - Michigan Sporting Clays Association

## Meeting

<b>Meeting Date</b>	Monday, November 18, 2024
<b>Start Time</b>	6:00 PM
<b>End Time</b>	8:00 PM
<b>Location</b>	ZOOM Meeting
<b>Purpose</b>	Regular scheduled meeting

## RSVP

**No response:** Mary Jo Birka, Brooks Hutton, Jim Kralik, Matt Little, Greg Roxbury, Charles Schneider, Steve Trudeau

## Agenda

### 1. Committee business

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

Matt Little / 45 min.

\*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:

Second:

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: Continued below

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#### 1.1.1. Presidents Corner Continued

Matt Little / 55 min.

\*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.

\*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.

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##### 1.1.1.1. Liaison to Member Clubs

Mary Jo Birka / 10 min.

\*Shoots since our last meeting: Bald Mt. (69), Detroit Gun Club (65), Grand Blanc (65). Any comments?

\*Since last month we have picked up a new/old club, Flat River which is near Greenville. Greg and Brooks visited on Sunday. They are only doing 5-stand, not any sporting. They still have manual traps for sporting. They took 2 dates this year.

Any comments on your visit?

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##### 1.1.1.2. Fundraising

Mary Jo Birka / 5 min.

\*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.

\*Shoot cards and poster advertisements have been invoiced for \$1500 to Pacific, Orion Outdoors/Michigan Shooting, Detroit Gun Club and Multi Lakes. I wanted to add additional sponsors but there was too much going on this year.

\*Platinum sponsorships this year to Pacific, Promatic, and Orion Outdoors/Michigan Shooting Centers. Any news from Clay Target Vision Greg? Amber says that her dad will probably sponsor us and maybe Castellani. I sent her sponsor letters to hand out. She can also get Barepelt vest certificates for our state shoot.



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#### 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. They always need trappers for their event. Can we figure out a way to get them trappers from our shooters and our board?

\*Can we put together a basket or something to donate to their January fundraiser?

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#### 1.1.1.4. Treasurer's Report

Matt Little / 5 min.

\*Checking account balance \$31,922.57. Waiting for \$1500.00 shoot card sponsors, \$2000.00 in MSCA membership fees, and \$4000-6000 for general sponsorship. We still have 3 shoots this year and a number that have not yet paid.

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### 1.2. Secretary's Report/NSCA News

Mary Jo Birka / 15 min.

\*Registration is complete but there were many issues. Clubs couldn't find their club number and didn't know where to look it up. The same clubs came in late and couldn't figure out why the calendar was so full. The page and a half letter that I sent out on Sept 1st was read by NOBODY. Even though every possible question was addressed in that letter, nobody remembered that we charge yearly dues, when it was due or where to send it. If only I had 10 more weekends in my summer calendar, I would be perfect. But....only 2 clubs do not have NSCA approved dates yet, but I know those checks are 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.

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#### 1.2.1. Member Outreach - Facebook

Jim Kralik / 5 min.

\*No quarterly report is due now. Jim, any comments?

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#### 1.2.2. Member Outreach - Miclays.com

Matt Little / 10 min.

\*Not sure if Dan will attend.

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## 2. OLD BUSINESS

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## 3. NEW BUSINESS

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### 3.1. Hall of Fame

Mary Jo Birka

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

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#### 3.1.1. 2025 Michigan State Championship

Brooks Hutton

\*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 shoot.

\*Brooks finally heard back from Top Gun. They are actually available the weekend of our state shoot. Discuss!

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## 4. Next Meeting Date

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Matt Little / 5 min.

#### 4.1. Date Next Meeting

\*We usually take December off.

\*Next meeting January 6 or 13?

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#### 4.2. Adjournment

**Resolution #:** Motion to Adjourn

**Moved:**

**seconded:**

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#### 4.3. New item

\*Usually we take December off. What do you think?

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