



MEETING MINUTES - Michigan Sporting Clays Association

Meeting

Date Monday, June 10, 2024
Started 6:05 PM
Ended 7:49 PM
Location ZOOM Meeting
Purpose Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by Matt Little
Recorder Mary Jo Birka

Approval

Minutes approved on: 6/23/2024

Attendance

Present: Mary Jo Birka, Brooks Hutton, Jim Kralik, Matt Little, Greg Roxbury, Charles Schneider
Absent: Steve Trudeau

Invited guests: Brooks Hutton

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: Mary Jo

*Second: Charlie Motion passed

President's Corner

*Meet Edward "Brooks" Hutton. Brooks has expressed an interest in becoming a Director in our organization. Here is his bio. My legal name is Edward Hutton, III but I go by "Brooks" everywhere outside of work. I did not want to go by Edward at shoots, so I contacted the NSCA to work out a solution. So, if you see my name on a list for a registered shoot and it looks kinda of funny, Brooks "Edward" Hutton, it is because that is how NSCA told me to do it. I grew up in Davison, Michigan and now reside just south of there in Ortonville. Grand Blanc Huntsman is my home club but I'm a familiar face at all of the local clubs. I played baseball from the moment I could hold a plastic bat up through a couple of years at the collegiate level. I cannot prove it, and I am multiple decades removed from baseball, but I believe that experience helped my shooting get off to a quick start. If you can see the seams on an 87-mph slider it helps you see a 40- yard crosser? Outside of shooting I'm a fitness nut, health nut, duck hunter and archery hunter. If I'm not shooting or working, I'm in the gym, running a race, waist deep in a swamp, or 15 feet up in a tree. I am new to the sport, but I have an "all in" personality and I am all in for shooting. Gosh, I wish I had found this sport sooner! It's a toss-up whether I enjoy the challenge or all of the great people more. I started Page 1 of 4 shooting in August of 2023 and have shot several times per week every week since, even in the bitter cold. Not only do I want to become as good of a shooter as I can, I have a genuine desire to help others achieve their shooting potential and grow the sport. Becoming a director seemed like a logical step in that direction. Discuss!



*Motion to accept Brooks Hutton as a new MSCA Director effective 6/10/2024: Mary Jo Aye, Matt Aye, Charlie Aye, Jim Aye, and Greg Aye. Voted via email. Motion passed. Welcome Brooks to the MSCA Board of Directors.

*Brooks will send Dan Williams a picture and an abbreviated bio for our website.

*Our SCTP Donation was approved at \$1000.0 plus their State shoot fees which we are projecting as \$924 or \$1924 in total. Motion to round that amount up to \$2000: Matt Aye

*Second: Greg Aye Charlie Aye Brooks Aye Jim Aye Mary Jo Aye Motion passed. Matt will send Loraine the check right away.

Status: Completed

1.1.1. Subcommittee Reports

Status: Completed

1.1.1.1. Liaison to Member Clubs

*Any comments on this past month's shoots? We had Spartan #1 at Island Lake (92), Two Hats (63), Seaway (0), Detroit Gun Club (82), Spartan #2 at Grand Blanc (85), Lewiston (25), Alpena (?), Hillsdale(24),and North Ottawa(26).

*Spartan #1 was great! James and the gang got our free ammo distributed, threw great targets and had a nice lunch. Charlie said that the registration line was very long because only one person was working at the registration table. In addition, when James gave away the free ammo, the shooters were not told that the ammo came from us. James was doing me a favor because I did not realize that a board member would be present at their shoot. Better planning can prevent that in the future. Greg suggested that we purchase some MSCA logo stickers to place on the boxes as additional advertising. Great idea!

*Spartan #2 went well also. Happy shooters with their free ammo, good targets and better food than normal. Seems to be some question about the purse. Grand Blanc's credit card machine was down which caused some delay.

*Seaway continues to struggle. Mike Walling and Greg Roxbury are working with them to see if they can help. Seaway wants to hire a Sporting Clays manager. Greg also suggested that they need to be on Scorechaser for advertising and score reporting.

*Lewiston had a nice shoot with 25 shooters. Kim Jones sent me their scores for Jim to put on FACEBOOK.

*North Ottawa had Greg's help setting targets. Brooks said the targets were good.

*Two Hats had 63 shooters. Dan Williams went up to help them with Scorechaser and that was much appreciated. The targets were good and thanks to Dan everything moved along very nicely.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.2. Fundraising

*On June 20-23 at Detroit Gun Club, we will be having our annual ear plugs sale. For \$10 you will receive one pair of safety ear plugs, and as a bonus you will receive one entry into our 12 ga Fabarm L4S Sporting Semi-Automatic shotgun raffle. Only 200 pairs of ear plugs will be sold. **I will need some help Friday-Sunday selling earplugs for the raffle.** The gun will be at DGC on Friday-Sunday for the shooters to see. Hopefully we will sell the 200 sets of ear plugs, so we can give the gun away by Sunday afternoon. The ear plug sale was posted on FACEBOOK and sent via e-blast(when Dan gets back). Otherwise, we will hold it back for the Great Lakes or until all ear plugs are sold. Matt or Kevin from Pacific will be transporting the gun from PACIFIC. DGC will keep the gun in their safe during the State Tournament.

Status: Completed



1.1.1.3. Liaison to SCTP

*The SCTP State Shoot will be at Mason on June 28-30. So far Loraine has 308 shooters registered for the sporting main event. The tournament is open to the public.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.4. Treasurer's Report

*Checking account \$30,173.80. Keep in mind that a small part of this balance is the Spartan purse which will be paid back to shooters after Spartan #5 on September 28th.

*The freezer will be purchased soon for the ice cream (\$211.0). Other expenses for this month: ice cream for State Tournament (\$800-1000), Gatorade and snacks (approx. \$250.0), and the Saturday night flurry (\$5 per shooter). Scottie will store our freezer in his barn after the shoot.

*After this month we will have very few expenses. Our \$2500 support to Hillsdale for the Great Lakes Tournament will need to be paid and the snacks and Gatorade for that event as well.

*After this month, we still have 36 shoots in our state.

Status: Completed

1.2. Secretary's Report/NSCA News

*The bids for the 2025 State Tournaments have been sent to all board members. The bid summaries have been printed for the shooters to compare before they cast their vote. Ballots will be handed out at registration to all shooters in attendance. I will find a place near registration to leave the ballot box and summary sheets for the shooters.

*The ear plug sale flier has been sent to all board members as well.

*Please check your state shoot schedules to see if you are able to help out at the shoot. Help may be needed for selling gun raffle tickets, and for presenting our State Team trophies on Saturday night after dinner. Also help will be needed with the flurry on Saturday night after dinner (scorers and counters). Please email me if you can help.

Status: Completed

1.2.1. Member Outreach - Facebook

*Anything new on FACEBOOK?

*Jim continues to block robocalls on FACEBOOK.

*Jim has picked up the updated trophies for the State Tournament and the Great Lakes Championship. He will bring them to the shoots as needed.

Status: Completed

1.2.2. Member Outreach - Miclays.com

*Dan continues to be our webmaster for our MICLAYS site. It is a work in progress.

Status: Completed

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1. Spartan Series Update



*What can we do to further explain the "Spartan purse" to our shooters? I suspect that a number of shooters may have been excluded because they did not understand the process, and as a result did not pay for the purse at the second shoot (Grand Blanc). Charlie suggested that I write up a short explanation of the Spartan rules explaining the NSCA shoot charges and the separate "purse" charges. He suggested that I print up the rules and place it on the registration table. That should speed up the registration process. I will make that available for Spartan #3 at Capital Area. Another good idea!

*Do we have the spreadsheet in the works for the Spartan results.? Jim has the spreadsheet in order. Matt will send him the data from Spartan #2 on Tuesday so he can update the spreadsheet and get it posted on FACEBOOK.

*How are we doing with the Spartan trophies? The Spartan trophies are not yet complete.

Status: Completed

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1. Hall of Fame

*Nothing new.

*Greg will ask Dave Scott to see if he has information about John Herkowitz.

Status: Completed

4. Next Meeting Date

4.1. Date Next Meeting

*Next meeting will be Monday July 8th at 6pm.

Status: Completed

4.2. Adjournment

*Motion to Adjourn: Charlie

Second: Greg Motion passed.

Resolution #: Motion to Adjourn

Moved:

seconded:

Status: Carried

Vote:
