



MEETING MINUTES - Michigan Sporting Clays Association

Meeting

Date Monday, March 11, 2024
Started 6:00 PM
Ended 7:35 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, 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: Jim Motion passed

President's Corner

*Matt is trying to get the Spartan trophies created by a friend of his that is a metal worker. The 2 trophies for Champion and Runner Up would be identical except for the size. The plan is to have a Spartan helmet that resembles our logo cut out of metal. A post would come from the underside to mount on a wooden base. The winners name and year would be attached to the base. The trophies would be passed to the new winners each year.

*Matt had a conversation with Michael Hampton the NSCA Executive Director. The topic of discussion was the pros and cons of the recent 12-gauge classification review.

Status: Completed

1.1.1. Subcommittee Reports

Status: Completed

1.1.1.1. Liaison to Member Clubs

*Any news from Bay County, Hillsdale, Huron Pointe, Detroit, or Multi-Lakes shoots?

*Bay County had only a couple of shooters. Weather was brutal on their shoot date. Just bad luck.

*Hillsdale had 26 shooters. Huron Pointe had 46 shooters. Detroit had 71 shooters. Multi-Lakes had 76 shooters. At Multi-Lakes, Mark Bushart was HOA with an 89, beat Fred Kaschak by 1. Congratulations to Mike!



*Jim was contacted by Andi Bogard with information about MEEMO Farms. MEEMO Farms is in Evart, Michigan. They are under new management and are interested in expanding their sporting clays business when the pheasant hunting season is closed. Jim will try to have a meeting with the general manager to discuss the opportunity this range could provide our shooters. Greg is interested in working with Jim on this project.

*Two Hats needs to send a flyer to Dan to publicize their first shoot in May. Mary Jo called Adam at Two Hats and he will put one together soon.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.2. Fundraising

***Sponsorship Update:**

*I sent all sponsor letters out on February 27. Letters went out to all of our member clubs, all three of last year's Platinum sponsors, plus Carleton Sportsmen's Club, AJ's Supplies (Roger Brenner's ammo), and Schanz's Shooting Supply.

*So far we have our 3 Platinum sponsors, Promatic, Pacific, and Clay Target Vision. Matt, any others so far?

*Pacific's check is in. Greg has eyeglass case and certificate for CTV? Matt, have you seen the Promatic check yet? Not yet.

*Vector files are in for the Platinum plaques, thanks to Greg. Glen from Laser Creations is working on the plaques. They will be 8X10 simulated cherry with a gold outline and gold-filled letters. They will be really nice. They will have a row of 4 gold clay targets along the bottom. One for each year. 2024 will be on the first clay, and Glen will send the other inserts along for 25-27. Should be about \$56.95 each or about \$15 per year. The proof for those should be ready early next week.

*Elizabeth Moses sent me the info for the feather flags. They will be \$190 each, double sided, 13 ft tall with stakes, poles and bags. They are coming from Hi-Tex Flags. They will be on order soon. Platinum sponsors (3) and (2) Spartan Series flags.

*Since Pacific has already promised us a gun, and John is doing something for the State shoot with Scottie, should we forego the shoot sleeves for this year? Scottie has already done his advertising for the shoot anyway, and that should have been mentioned (first 200 shooters registered). We will hold off on the shoot sleeves for next year.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.3. Liaison to SCTP

*Nothing new from Loraine on SCTP

*Drew at Michigan Shooting Centers and Matt at Hillsdale are starting new SCTP teams this year.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.4. Treasurer's Report

*Checking account balance: \$33,387.79 plus \$2200.00 in DFCU Financial.

*Matt and I have Debit Mastercard's for MSCA purchases. It's better for us to keep MSCA charges out of our personal finances.

Status: Completed

1.2. Secretary's Report/NSCA News



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*The NSCA decided at the winter meeting to hold off changing the sub-gauge classes until 1/25. The new rule will move sub-gauge classes on all shooters to within one level of their 12-gauge classification. The new 12-gauge reclassification system was not well received by the shooters. So, no more changes for now.

*I would like to propose changing the Great Lakes Tournament MSCA financial support from the current \$1800 to \$3000. \$1800 does not even pay for the trophies. The board decided to keep the \$1800 minimum in the by-laws for now. We will evaluate the Great Lakes Tournament support level each year based on the MSCA's financial situation.

*Motion to approve a \$2500 MSCA support for the Great Lakes this year: Charlie

*Vote: Charlie-Aye, Mary Jo-Aye, Greg-Aye, Jim-Aye, Matt-Abstain Motion passed

Status: Completed

1.2.1. Member Outreach - Facebook

*No report needed at this time.

Status: Completed

1.2.2. Member Outreach - Miclays.com

*Dan got our new website up and running right after our last meeting. IT LOOKS GREAT! So far, we have had 1255 looks at our new website. It is a work in progress that will continue to evolve over time. Dan also E-blasted the 2024 calendar to our shooters.

*Dan is also E-blasting the Spartan flyer and rules out to all shooters.

*The Club tab is working including the shoot submission form, shoot bid form and the credit card payment function. Dan needed to change our g-mail account to accommodate our new credit card function. The new g-mail is michigansportingclays@gmail.com.

*Motion to set up a new g-mail address: Mary Jo

Second: Greg Motion passed

*Dan has set up a new media section on the site to post videos.

*Please send pictures and items of interest directly to Dan to be posted on MICLAYS.

*Dan posted a new trapper training video on our site. The video is done by Anthony Matarese and features George Digweed. Dan says it is really well done.

Status: Completed

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1. Spartan Series Update

*Spartan flags will be ordered soon. They will be on display for the first time at Island Lake. I will store them with our other banners.

*The Spartan committee decided to purchase a trophy for the Champion and Runner up only. They want it to be a pass around trophy where the name gets engraved and then handed off to the next winner. We need to start looking for a trophy. Lots of options on-line.



Status: Completed

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1. Hall of Fame

*Should the MSCA board nominate John Herkowitz from Pacific to the Hall of Fame. Jimmy Moses and Scottie and Debbie Behnke were inducted in 2017. What do you think? The board wants Mary Jo to write up a proposal. We will discuss this at our April meeting.

Status: Completed

4. Next Meeting Date

4.1. Date Next Meeting

*Next meeting will be on Monday April 15th at 6 pm.

Status: Completed

4.2. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Charlie

Second: Mary Jo

Resolution #: Motion to Adjourn

Moved:

seconded:

Status: Carried

Vote:
