



MEETING MINUTES - Michigan Sporting Clays Association

Meeting

Date Monday, August 12, 2024
Started 6:04 PM
Ended 7:19 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: Brooks

Second: Charlie Motion passed.

Presidents Corner: An issue has come up since our last meeting that we will discuss first.

*As a follow up to an item from last meeting brought up by Brooks. I received this email from Detroit Gun Club:

We are aware that we did not give out the second place medals for some events on our flyer. Attached is a list by event who we think deserve a second place medal, please look it over let us know of any discrepancies.

Sorry for any inconvenience

*I looked at their list at their request and noted a number of discrepancies. Most of the problems were related to shooters that had a tied score and the club only had one medal. They needed to use a tie-breaker procedure or have shoot-offs. I called Scottie to offer to come out and work out the problem with the girls. Scott told me that my help was not needed. Not wanting to over-step, I emailed the girls back and told them that I was willing to help them if needed. They said that they were all set. I think we need to add a clause to our by-laws regarding ties in the future. This may seem like a small issue but to some people it is huge. I wanted everyone to know what happened just in case it gets mentioned to you sometime later. Detroit Gun Club will take care of ordering and dispersing the medals.

*In the future we need to make sure that any club awarded the State or Great Lakes shoots has a tiebreaker procedure in place. We also need to make sure that a Master score sheet is being used for the main event at both tournaments. Both items discussed above need to be added to our by-laws.

*Matt, anything else?



*Brooks recently witnessed a shooter using a device on his gun at Detroit Gun Club called Shot Tracker. The device hooks on the bottom of the shooters barrel and is basically helping the shooter via Bluetooth to break targets that they have missed. But unlike Shot Cam, the coaching tips are immediately delivered to the shooter. Brooks and Greg questioned whether such a device would be considered the same as being "coached" while in the box. Further investigation needs to be done before we decide if this device can be used in Michigan. Matt and Mary Jo will contact Mike Hampton at NSCA to begin the discussion.

Status: Completed

1.1.1. Subcommittee Reports

Status: Completed

1.1.1.1. Liaison to Member Clubs

*Any news from our member clubs?

*The following clubs have had shoots since our last meeting: Island Lake (62), Detroit Gun Club(75), North Ottawa (20), Capital (18), Pine Ridge (20), Two Hats (26), Grand Blanc (76), Kent County (29) and Detroit Gun Club (61). Any comments?

*Still waiting to get a shoot date from Multi-Lakes for their 2025 Great Lakes. I sent Tom Kubik the dates from our surrounding area club shoots to help him decide. The 2025 Great Lakes Tournament will be held in September or early October.

*Capital Targets for Spartan #3: This email was received from a concerned shooter.

Understand Capital Area didn't take MSCA up on target setting help offer. After Matt H shot a low score and low attendance maybe they will they will get the message. Great grounds and good equipment, poor target setting. Do you know if there setter has ever shot registered targets? Maybe should be a requirement for any club wanting shoot dates. At a minimum they should have some idea what they look like. Just my two cents worth.

*Matt and I were at the their last shoot on May 5th to witness their target setting. Several issues were apparent. The discussion at lunch indicated that they could use some target setting assistance. Kenny Johnson agreed to help them for the Spartan. I don't believe that the club ever called Kenny. On July 28th the targets were again too difficult. The high score was 85. Matt feels that the target setter is trying to "beat" the shooters. We will try to get them some help before their next shoot on September 15th.

*Capital seemed to be confused about what to charge the shooters for the Spartan. Brooks arrived to help. After the shoot Dan Kelley gave Brooks \$200 for the purse for 4 shooters along with the shooters names. Brooks will send the money on to Matt. For next year, we will make sure that the clubs are better informed about the Spartan Series rules.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.2. Fundraising

*Our next earplug sale will be held at the Great Lakes Tournament at Hillsdale on October 5-6. As a bonus, Clay Target Vision has donated a \$1300.00 gift certificate to purchase a set of Pilla glasses. We have the case and the certificate already in hand.

*Tickets will be \$10 each for one set of earplugs. With each set of earplugs purchased the shooter will receive one ticket for the Pilla shooting glasses raffle. Only 130 sets of earplugs will be sold. When all of the ear plugs are sold, the winner will be drawn.

*Brooks has the tickets, ticket box and key, money bag for the sale. Brooks will receive the glass case and certificate this weekend. He will be taking these items to Hillsdale for the Great Lakes Tournament.



*Since I will not be in attendance, I need a volunteer or two to be responsible for the sale. Brooks wants to shoot. He is the transport guy and the flag guy, not the raffle guy. That needs to be someone else. Any volunteers? Jim will receive the raffle items from Brooks at the Great Lakes. He will be responsible for the earplug sale Saturday and Sunday and will draw the winning ticket on Sunday afternoon.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.3. Liaison to SCTP

*Anything new from the MISCTP?

*Matt received a thank you note from Loraine Malloy for our \$2000.00 cash donation. The MSCA also waived all of their State shoot fees. The scholarship money awarded this year was \$33,800. I will try to keep our schedule clear this year so we might help somehow at their 2025 State Tournament.

Status: Completed

1.1.1.4. Treasurer's Report

*Checking account balance is: \$34,115.44

Status: Completed

1.2. Secretary's Report/NSCA News

*Brooks went to the Ohio State Shoot this past weekend. They gave away lots of ammunition as per usual. We try to spread our giveaways out over the entire shoot season. It is more work to do it that way and probably has less impact. Should we save all of our giveaways for the State shoot like Ohio does? The board decided to hold all giveaways for the State shoot next year.

*I received a text from a shooter in regards to our 2025 State Shoot Host Club. He had heard that our State Shoot would be at Mason. I thanked him for asking and gave him correct information. Then I sent this memo to our entire shooter list:

The MSCA is proud to announce that the Grand Blanc Huntsman's Club will be hosting the 2025 Michigan State Championship. The tournament will span 3 days and will include a 200 Bird Main Event, a 100 Bird Prelim, a 50 Bird 5-Stand and a 50 bird FITASC. The date for the event is June 20-22, 2025. The shoot flyer with all of the details will be posted as soon as we receive it in early 2025.

The MSCA is also proud to announce that the Multi-Lakes Conservation Association will be hosting the 2025 Great Lakes Championship. The tournament will span 2 days and will include a 100 Bird Main Event, a 100 Bird Prelim, a 50 Bird FITASC and a 50 Bird 5-Stand. The date for the event is still to be determined. The shoot flyer with all of the details will be posted as soon as we receive it in early 2025.

Regards,

Michigan Sporting Clays Board of Directors

*I need to start looking for trappers for the 2025 Michigan State Tournament at Grand Blanc. Brooks gave me the contact information for the Grand Blanc SCTP Coach Cam Hanke. I will contact Cam now to try to get them onboard as well as the Goodrich SCTP Coach.

Status: Completed

1.2.1. Member Outreach - Facebook

*Anything new on FACEBOOK? Jim says that FACEBOOK has been pretty quiet lately



Status: Completed

1.2.2. Member Outreach - Miclays.com

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*Brooks is now listed on our website as a Board member. Nice picture! Brooks would like for all shooter contacts to go out from our official email address. Dan uses that email when he sends his communications. I only send flyers, when Dan is not available. I will ask Dan to see if that is possible.

*Anything new from Dan? Dan is currently on vacation so was not able to dial in.

Status: Completed

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1. Spartan Series Update

*Anything new on the Spartan? How many eligible shooters do we have? Jim will update the eligible shooter list before this weekend.

*Adam from 2 Hats is asking how they could get involved for next year. We will select the Spartan series Clubs for next year at our next meeting.

Status: Completed

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1. Hall of Fame

*Nothing new.

Status: Completed

3.1.1. 2025 Michigan State Championship

*The shooters are requesting that we offer Snooker or some type of "Make-A-Break at next years State shoot. Brooks and Greg recommend Top Gun Shooting Sports. Top Gun elevates the "Make-A-Break experience with music and loud speakers and screens announcing shooters. Grand Blanc will have to agree. In the past, Grand Blanc has been running their own Snooker.

*The Board needs to come up with a plan to encourage pre-registration for our shoots on Score Chaser. It is so helpful for the clubs to be able to plan meals and staffing when they know how many people will attend. For the State Championship we are looking into purchasing gun sleeves for the first shooters that register. Hopefully that will help.

Status: Completed

4. Next Meeting Date

4.1. Date Next Meeting

*Our next meeting will be on September 16th at 6pm.

Status: Completed



4.2. Adjournment

*Motion to Adjourn: Charlie

*Second: Greg Motion passed.

Resolution #: Motion to Adjourn

Moved:

seconded:

Status: Carried

Vote:
