

## Minutes – Officers & Trustee MCSA Meeting 01/16/23

### PRESENT

#### Officers

Milt Miller, President  
~~Scott McClure, Vice President~~  
Michelle Weber, Treasurer  
Sandy Smart, Secretary

#### Trustees

Ben Brown Tom Cole ~~Jim Cook~~ Mike Lehman Annette McClure ~~Mike McKinnan~~  
~~Bob Meihls~~ Matt Walker, ~~Chris Weaver~~, Nathan Wenning

**Members Present** – Gene Smart, Dave Freeman, Cindy Williams, Bob Hurm

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Meeting called to order by president Milt Miller at 7pm.

Minutes of 12/19/22 meeting were reviewed  
Minutes were approved by acclimation.

### **Membership Report:**

Annette McClure reported that we have 396 active paid members, 21 Life memberships, 35 worker memberships, and 6 Honorary memberships, which totals 458 members actively supporting our club. Included in active paid membership are 31 Spousal memberships. A comparison of membership from 01/17/2022 shows 353 active paid members, 22 Life memberships, 38 worker memberships, and 5 Honorary memberships, for total of 418 members

### **NEW APPLICATIONS:**

**Demi “Deny” Morlino ~ Ref:** Andrea Cahill & Chris Weaver  
**Employment:** Mercy Health, Lima Ohio  
Applying as an Honorary Member “Jr. Rifle”

**Ryan Paul Mueller ~ Ref:** Ryan On & Christen Huttis  
**Employment:** US Postal Service

**Travis Paul Stachler ~ Ref:** Tony Lange & Mike Dues  
**Employment:** RCS Construction

### **ADDED AT MEETING:**

**Jacob Charles Garrity ~ Ref:** Annette McClure & Kyle Grey  
**Employment:** Crown  
**Dustin Michael Tobias ~ Ref:** Dave Freeman & Mike Freeman  
**Employment:** Crown

Applying as an Honorary Member Trap & Skeet

**SPOUSAL APPLICATION**

**None**

Annette McClure made motion to accept all new members  
Tom Cole seconded the motion  
Motion passed by acclimation

**Financial Report**

Financials sent to trustees earlier via email.

Dec. income was	\$23,652.44
Dec. expenses were	\$5,179.88
Dec. net income was	\$18,472.56
Balance in checkbook is	\$29,219.09 as of Dec. 28, 2022

Michelle said she is working on saving checkbook file as a pdf.  
Milt asked Michelle to check on the Mercer Color bill for \$768.99 to make sure that it didn't include any cost for gun raffle ticket printing – Doug pays for that when he takes care of the tickets, then the club pays him. She will check.

Financials were approved by acclimation.

**Presidents Report**

Milt started by saying he was going to ask Michelle to write a check to him for \$308.00, and he would take the money from the raffle proceeds savings account to pay off the range loan, and the club will be debt free. He said the club borrowed \$75,000 in 2019 and will have it paid off in 4 years. Mike Lehman remarked that many monetary gifts were also used to pay for the project.  
Milt responded that \$165,000 was spent on the facility in total.

Nathan Wenning made motion for Michelle to write Milt a check for \$308.00  
Matt Walker seconded the motion  
Motion passed

Milt said he will make the transfer out of raffle proceeds savings account to payoff the loan.

Next Milt followed up on the cabinets for the kitchen remodel. He said Bob Meihls had contacted Matt Brown with offer of \$50.00 per cabinet for the all cabinets Matt had available. Matt accepted the offer. Bob Meihls made motion via email to purchase all cabinets (20 units) available to use where needed.

Ben asked if he was able to vote, since Matt is his brother. Milt said we need his vote to have a quorum.

Nathan Wenning made motion to spend \$1,000.00 for Matt Brown cabinets.  
Annette McClure seconded the motion  
Motion passed

We then moved on to discussing a message from Amos Clifford of instead of re-running the furnace duct work for restrooms, we take out duct work and just put in electric baseboard heaters with thermostats. Milt said he had asked Amos to get a quote worked up.

Tom Cole said he looked it up and found that a 1500 watt electric heater would cost over \$100.00 a month to operate. Ben Brown agreed with Tom. Ben added that if the breaker to the heaters would go out when it is really cold and it goes unnoticed, the pipes could freeze and burst, causing additional problems. Ben said he would not suggest putting electric heaters out there.

Tom then said running the ductwork really isn't a problem, and he already has the ductwork in the building.

Milt said he will talk to Amos and tell him to stop working on the quote.

Milt said Scott had given him a quote from Menards to custom cut a cabinet top for the new kitchen cabinets. The quote was \$1069.00. Scott included information that we could get generic top from Menards for around \$300.00. This was not installed.

Sandy Smart asked if we would be getting countertops from Matt. Ben texted Matt, who said there were 2 pieces of countertop, one 8 ft, the other 5 ft. The 5 ft has a sink cut in it. After short discussion it was determined that it would be hard to make Matt's countertops work in the kitchen. We want the kitchen to look nice.

Milt last topic was to review and update the goals we had talked about in 2022.

## **MCSA 2022/2023 PROPOSED GOALS FOR DISCUSSION**

Electric to the Southside of rear service road - **Done except for pulling wires to farther shelterhouse and terminating them**

Repairs to<sup>i</sup> shelterhouse #1 - Yet to do

Rent bulldozer to:

- Level camping area
- Finish piling dirt to 20 ft level pistol range and short range
- Repair tire ruts in mowing areas
- Repair tile suck holes **Tom's got most of them done**

Install new camera system in range complex - **Done, except for adding camera on trap field #2 for liability purposes**

Investigate better restroom facilities - **talked about, haven't done**

Investigation of construction of a second building

Determine purpose for the catch and release pond – **yet to do**

Finish gate project - **Done**

Finish book of rules – Needs revisited

Revisit trustee titles and responsibilities - **This is biggie – In reference to committees set up by Tod McKirnan.. Some of above goals will get a captain once this is done.**

Equipment purchase

Facelift kitchen - **well in the works**

Add two cement shooting benches and re configure the prone shooting bench - **Ben Brown reminded us of this project. Discussion followed on Ben's previous proposal. Matt said 4-H does use the prone bench.**

### **Nathan Wenning**

Nathan mentioned that at last meeting we talked about trail camera issue. He said his brother was here again, and he saw a guy over by North East corner, and it looked like the guy had a gun. His brother yelled at the guy, and the guy just disappeared. Nathan called Milt who contacted game warden Brad Buening and asked him to check this out. Brad has not updated us yet

Nathan said in reference to the gate, due to heavy rain and heavy fog we've been having the signal is being interrupted, and the gate opens and stays open. He contacted Bob who contacted Denny's Door sales, had them move the reflector to shorten the distance of the sensor beam, and realign the sensors. They also lowered the sensitivity of the sensor. It has been working fine since the adjustments were made.

### **Mike Lehman**

Mike started by asking Dave Freeman if anyone is shooting extra skeet shells, other than Jim Cook. Mike said a few of the guys he shoots with said some of the guys are shooting 6 & 7 extra shells. Mike said they have to watch for this. Milt told him to make it work correctly, as he is the captain of skeet.

Mike then said he has worked on the 2 Berettas – the 391 ejects shells fine. The 391 26" barrell doesn't eject. He took it to Doug, who said that gun had never ejected shells. It was only a \$200.00 gun to start.

Milt said this comes into play on Youthfest when the kids shoot. Since the gun doesn't eject shells, its kind of useless to the club. This kind of leads us back to the conversation on who owns the guns. Milt asked Matt Walker if we could trade that gun. Matt said it depends on how we got the gun. If it wasn't on a grant it is ours to do with as we want. If we got it from a grant we can apply for another one, and this one would just not be used. Milt asked if it depends on us going through our records to make that happen. Matt said we should have records of where we got the guns from. Milt said some of our guns are so old, he didn't know if records even exist. Milt said the biggest thing is to get functional guns to use for Youthfest.

Milt then explained the history of gun purchases for Youthfest, and how Steve Ewry, Andrea Cahill, Jon Maras and Milt found out about grant money available, which turned the club around financially because then it didn't need to lay out money for Youthfest.

Milt said we would see if we could dig up the records.

Matt Walker said maybe he could help keep track of the guns by becoming club armorer. Milt said we do have inventory of the guns, and equipment, we just don't know where they came from. Milt said he would give Steve a call, maybe he has the information. Everything Shelly did is documented.

Tom asked what do you do with guns that just quit working. Milt responded that so far that hasn't been an issue. However, the guns we have are outdated.

### **Tom Cole**

Tom asked where are we with the kitchen. Milt said the committee is supposed to be formulating a list. Sandy Smart passed out an excel sheet showing the quotes the committee has received so far. The summary showed a total of \$7,455 is what we have so far.

Milt said once we have all the elements in place we can vote on a total expenditure quote for the project, we can move forward.

Tom said we will need to add incidentals like plywood.

Milt said trustees should review the quote and be ready to vote at next meeting, and use this winter to get it done. He has rentals starting again in May.

### **Matt Walker**

Matt said 4-H meetings have started up again as of Jan.15.

For NRA grant updates – everything is waiting state approval, and this information may change. The Jr Rifle club and Youthfest grants were fully funded. Grant included shotgun shells, 2 Stevens over-under 28 gauge shotguns for youth, throwing axes, atlantles, and safety equipment. 4 trauma kits for Youthfest. Timer clock and wind flag for ABRA. For Jr Rifle club a check for Jr Rifle Club rental, ammo, targets,, 2 12 gage youth shotguns, 2 20 youth shotguns.

Milt said the invoice for Jr Rifle Club is upto around \$3700 now, so we will need to remember that for next year

The grant for the trap and skeet thrower was partially funded. We are getting trap throwers for both trap stations. Next year we can reapply the skeet throwers.

Milt mentioned that our gun safe is getting filled up, so we may have to be looking at getting a bigger safe. Matt said we could possibly use the Conservation Club Grant, which is closing Mar.15. There is \$15,000.00 limit on the grant.

Matt explained that the NRA grant process is changing. They are going to open the grant up in June so they can have the state meetings in November due to weather issues. We will need to have ideas of what we need before the Youthfest.

Milt said that the people who want grants will need to get with Matt earlier than they do currently. Matt will let us know when the deadline is when he finds out.

Ben gave Matt information on a grant available from Midway USA Foundation for Range Development Grant.

Matt will check it out.

Matt then added that the 4-H will be helping with ABRA again this year.

Matt asked if there is a way to close up the area between the concrete wall and the top of the roof on Range 1 and Range 2 – the pistol range and the short rifle range. Sometimes when they are explaining things the kids need to take off their ear protection to hear, and if someone is shooting on the pistol range it is very loud.

After discussion, it was decided that we could put up some plywood, maybe add some insulation.

Mike asked Matt if the traps from the grant will be crated, and need a fork lift to unload. Matt said they are crated. When he is informed that they are to be delivered, he will let Mike know.

Milt asked Mike if his friend Prince can help sell the old traps. Mike will find out.

### **Ben Brown**

Ben said the dates for the ABRA shoots have been posted.  
Milt said they have been put on Facebook already.

Ben had questions about adding the two benches he requested last fall.  
It would entail the prone table being swung down, and 2 shooting areas added. The benches are less than \$100.00 each. Nathan, Bob, Tom, and Milt will go down to the range with Ben to talk about how it can be done.

### **Sandy Smart**

Sandy asked about grant money for restrooms at the range, Matt said that would be a property improvement grant. He would need to look into that to see if it would be possible to get a grant. Nathan had looked into a self-digesting system that cost \$4,3950.00 two years ago.

Sandy then asked if we should be posting information on Youthfest and the Waterfowl Festival on Facebook like Scott has done for ABRA.

Milt said we could if they get the information to Scott.

Milt then added that Tom Hendricks suggested we make it simpler to join the club from the website, maybe just add a button that pops up the form to join the club. Milt will be talking to Dan Adams to see if that can be done.

There was no other business.

Nathan Wenning made motion to adjourn

Annette McClure seconded the motion

Motion passed

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, Feb.20 2023.

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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