

Minnesota Sporting Clays Association (**MSC**)
Board Meeting Minutes 6/20/22 Location: Scheels

Attendees: Present: **Dylan** Burns, **Mike** Steinmetz, **Dennis** Vierling, **Steve** Coutant, **Rick** Potter
Curt Halbakken, **Paul** Robey

Called in: **Scott** Davis

Absent: **Al** Duce, **Nate** Petersen

Others attending: Joel Meier, Forest Lake Sportsmen's Club

President Dylan Burns called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM and roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 18, 2022, MSC meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Dennis to approve. Second by Rick. Motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

President – Dylan reported he checked with clubs to see if they have raffle tickets and how sales are going. Wild Marsh reported back that they've sold 40 and they could use more. He will continue to follow-up with clubs. We probably won't be able to raffle off the second gun this year. Rick will check on how Minneapolis Gun Club is doing, and Rick will check with South St. Paul.

We have a new NSCA club, Forest Lake Sportsmen's Club, with Assistant Manager Joel Meier attending the meeting. Dylan welcomed Joel and Forest Lake to the NSCA and MSC. Joel reported they used to have an NSCA membership, but dropped it a few years ago, and are now back and would like to start hosting registered shoots. They are using this year to get ready by hosting a fun shoot on Labor Day weekend, September 2-3. They are planning to have 100 sporting clays and 50 5-stand targets. Dylan explained how to get on the calendar for next year's registered shoot calendar. We offered Joel the opportunity to visit another club to view a registered shoot; Joel will visit SSP's next shoot and Mike will show him around and show him Score Chaser.

Hunts Point held the Gopher State FITASC and Super Sporting Warmup shoot recently and they have expressed interest in hosting a state shoot soon; the MSC will support them in whatever they need to know to make that happen, including helping them identify someone to guide them through their first big shoot.

Vice President – Curt – nothing to report.

Treasurer - Dennis – nothing to report other than the Financial Report below.

Delegate Reports – Curt reported that at Nationals you can bid to be on a squad with a "super shooter."

We discussed several recent shoots and target difficulty levels. Several recent shoots have had unusually difficult targets in some events, trying to beat the shooters with distance and speed rather than setting targets for all classes to enjoy. There was a feeling that these types of targets may well drive some shooters away from those events in the future. Curt stated his belief that the best targets allow shooters to beat themselves and still allow the best shooters to rise to the top.

Dennis reported the NSCA adopted a change in minimum shotgun barrel length from 26 inches to 24 inches.

Financial Report

Dennis presented the financial report. Our sporting clays current balance is \$16,690. We're current with all shoots but two. We've had 148,750 targets thrown so far this year, which is on track with our projections for the year. Our Youth/Women account has a balance of \$11,742. All bills have been paid at this point.

Committee Reports

Raffle Committee – Dylan had earlier reported on raffle tickets sales this year.

Youth/Women Committee – Nothing new to report other than that the account has grown, and we should figure out how to best use it to promote youth and women shooting. Mike reported SSP did not have enough shooters at their recent women's event to use the \$500 grant and will return it. Motion by Curt to allow SSP to keep the grant money and use it as they see fit for women between now and the end of the year. Second by Dennis. Motion approved, Mike abstaining.

Shoot Promotion Committee – Steve reported he has obtained Legacy awards and a few other missing medals from the SSP State 5-stand/Small Bore shoot plus will get one re-done that was mis-printed. Dennis will check to see what the state shoot sponsor amounts from the MSC should be.

In the future, any committee chair that can't attend one of our meetings should send a written report in advance so we can cover it in the meeting.

Unfinished Business

Dylan reported on who will be leaving or staying on the Board next year, and other candidates that are interested in joining. Hans Erickson and Joel Meier may be interested. Paul will remain on the Board. We will be looking for 4 new Board members. Curt is finishing his term, as is Al Duce. Steve, Rick, and Dennis are willing to run again.

New Business

Expanding our Youth/Women Grant program – Dylan asked us to brainstorm ideas to expand the program. Discussion over various new ideas and programs that we have tried. Paul suggested we use our youth/women funds from raffles to sponsor some graduating seniors in their first registered shoot to give them a taste of sporting clays, which fits our goal of getting more Minnesota shooters to shoot more registered sporting clays targets. Rick will ask the MSSA about their experience with trying this. Paul will reach out to Sandy McFadden, who has a successful youth sporting clays program in North or South Carolina, to see what's working for him, and Rick and Paul will discuss in the next few weeks to see if a plan can be put together for a similar program. Dylan will ask the Board, via email, what questions we would like to ask in a survey to shooters, including prize money, etc.

Hall of Fame Committee Creation – Scott will be the Committee Chair. Motion by Scott to place Curt Halbakken's name on the ballot for this year's Hall of Fame induction. Second by Mike. Motion approved. Scott will move the process forward with the Hall of Fame Election Committee.

Motion by Rick to adjourn. Seconded by Dennis. Motion approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by President Dylan Burns.