

Minutes of the June 19, 2017 Minnesota Sporting Clays Association, Inc. Board Meeting

Meeting was held at 7300 Metro Blvd, #500, Edina, MN

The meeting was called to order by Greg Peters, President, at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call – Present: Richard Bienapfl; Terry Correll; Don Deeb; Al Doucette; Greg Grazzini; Greg Peters; Nate Petersen; Rick Robohm; and, Anna Webber. Absent: Randy Voss and Amanda Wilson. No guests were present.

The minutes of the April 24, 2017 MSC Board meeting were distributed for the Board to review for approval. Richard Bienapfl clarified that the balance of the MSC treasury account of \$20,217.02 included the cost of the 692 O/U Beretta shotgun previously purchased for MSC fundraising. No other comments to the minutes were raised for discussion. Nate Petersen moved to approve the April 24 minutes with the change suggested by Mr. Bienapfl. Rick Robohm seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

The minutes of the May 15, 2017 Special MSC Board meeting were distributed to the Board for approval. No comments were raised for discussion. Anna Webber moved to approve the May 15 minutes. Terry Correll seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Greg Peters welcomed the four new members to the MSC Board. First to be introduced was Greg Grazzini, who brings multiple years of experience working with nonprofit organizations and many years of running a successful business. Mr. Grazzini also served on the MSC Board in 2015-2016. Mr. Grazzini was voted in by the MSC Board to replace Bob Steffen (who resigned his position at the April 24 MSC Board meeting) as a shooter representative for the remainder of Mr. Steffen's 2017-2018 term.

Greg Peters next introduced Rick Robohm, who also has several years of experience working with a nonprofit board and is an avid sporting clays shooter. Mr. Robohm was voted in by the MSC Board to replace Mark Tomonovich (who resigned his position at the April 24 MSC Board meeting) as a shooter representative for the remainder of Mr. Tomonovich's 2017-2018 term.

Messrs. Grazzini and Robohm were voted in by the MSC Board at the May 15, 2017 special meeting.

Greg Peters next introduced Don Deeb, who was voted in by the Minnesota range owners and/or their representatives to replace Debbie Mortensen of Wild Marsh, who resigned in late April 2017. Mr. Deeb manages South Saint Paul Rod & Gun Club, and has first-hand experience with the MSC Board and its purpose. Mr. Deeb previously served a two-year term as President of the MSC. Mr. Deeb will serve the remainder of the 2017-2018 term.

Next, Greg Peters introduced Al Doucette, who serves on the Minneapolis Gun Club Board of Directors. Mr. Doucette was voted in by the Minnesota range owners and/or their representatives to replace Gregg LeBlanc from Rice Creek Hunting Club, who resigned in late April 2017. Mr. Doucette is a successful business owner and avid sporting clays shooter. Mr. Doucette has served on multiple boards. Mr. Doucette will serve the remainder of 2017-2018 term.

Greg Peters then distributed emails dated April 6, 2017 and May 9, 2017 from NSCA Executive Director, Brett Moyes.

Greg Peters next went over the emails from NSCA and, in particular, the five points for reinstatement of MSC in the April 6 email, and the caveat in the May 9 email. Mr. Peters stated that all further the MSC Board meetings will be generally guided by Robert's Rules of Order and the meeting agenda, in order to handle MSC business in an orderly manner. Mr. Peters stated that the MSC Board will be responsible for rewriting the MSC By-laws that were last approved in 2012. They will need to be approved by the Board before the end of 2017.

Anna Webber, Vice President, issued her report. Ms. Webber reported the state medals, their status for all five state shoots, and the reordering procedure. Ms. Webber committed to keeping the Board updated on pricing and sourcing of the state medals.

Delegate report: None by Richard Bienapfl. Randy Voss was not present.

Financial Report: Richard Bienapfl handed out a revised 2017 MSC Budget for discussion showing adjustments to include target fee revenue from the registered shoots occurring after MSC's reinstatement. Legal expenses also included for the updated By-laws. This was discussed and will be added to the 2017 budget.

Greg Peters provided the raffle ticket report on the 692 Beretta O/U. Fundraising efforts are going well so far.

Minnesota State Sporting Clays Championship update from Nate Petersen. Rooms have been blocked and grounds improvements are in progress at Shooters. Station sponsorship discussion from the shooters (and their contacts) and local businesses. Scheel's continued support for the 2017 MN State shoot will be a \$1,000 gift card for purchase of door prizes at the St. Cloud store. Mr. Petersen will follow up with past supporters and asked the Board for possible resources. Mr. Deeb offered support with possible staffing, and has members possibly willing to help with prizes. SSP will donate the equivalent of the early 2017 target fees (while MSC was not approved by NSCA) to the State shoot for the shooters. Registration for the 2017 MN State shoot is now on Winscore, and Lois is the administrator/scorer for Shooters.

MSC insurance discussion to remain with NYCC Conservation Group. Greg Grazzini made a motion to proceed with renewing the MSC liability insurance. Al Doucette seconded the motion. No further discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding possibly raffling additional guns to help cover the legal fees for updating/reviewing MSC's By-laws. Anna Webber made a motion to purchase a Beretta 28 ga Xplor A400 and a Beretta A400 Xcel 12 ga and to print 200 tickets at \$20 each for both guns. Greg Grazzini seconded the motion. No further discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously. Don Deeb will purchase the guns for the MSC Board and contact Mike Haas about printing the raffle tickets.

Discussion was had about retaining an experienced non-profit lawyer to work with the MSC Board to amend and update its By-laws per NSCA's requirements. The Board discussed the process of updating the By-laws for best current practices, compliance and clarity, in light of historical problems.

Greg Peters suggested the Board form a committee to retain outside counsel and work with him/her to present updated and compliant By-laws by November 1. Mr. Peters offered to chair the committee and indicated that Randy Travalia (who is an owner of MHHC, avid shooter and has a long history in sporting clays governance and a law degree); Greg Grazzini (experienced with multiple nonprofit

and for-profit organizations, and as a current and past-Board member has knowledge of the history of issues with the MSC By-laws); and Richard Bienapfl (who has been the MSC's administrative director for the last five years, and who understands the history and issues with the By-laws, and is a successful real estate developer), are willing to serve on the committee. Three possible lawyers have been identified. The committee will update the MSC Board throughout the process.

A motion was made by Greg Peters to form the By-laws committee that he proposed, to allow the committee to retain outside counsel and spend between \$3,000 and \$8,000 on outside legal fees for the review and update of the MSC By-laws to present to the MSC Board by November 1. The motion was seconded by Greg Grazzini. No further discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.

Bids for hosting the five 2018 MN state shoots were distributed.

MHHC was the only club to bid for the 2018 MN Sporting Clays Championship (August 26, 27 and 28). Richard Bienapfl made a motion to award the MHHC the 2018 MN Sporting Clays State Shoot. Anna Webber seconded the motion. No further discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.

Shooters was the only club to bid for the 2018 MN State 5 Stand. After discussion, Greg Grazzini made a motion to award Shooters the 2018 State 5 stand. Rick Robohm seconded the motion. No further discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.

SSP was the only club to bid for the 2018 State FITASC. Anna Webber made a motion to award SSP the 2018 State FITASC. The motion was seconded by Rick Robohm. No further discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.

SSP was the only club to bid on the 2018 State Super Sport and the 2018 State Small Gauge. The bid was to combine the shoots on one weekend. Anna Webber made a motion to award the 2018 Super Sport and Small Gauge to SSP to be combined on one weekend. Rick Robohm seconded the motion. No further discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

2019 MN State Shoot Bids were distributed.

2019 MN State FITASC was bid by two clubs – Shooters and MHHC. MHHC’s bid combines the State Super Sport and FITASC on the same weekend, possibly in June or July, to be determined. Nate Petersen retracted Shooters’ bid for the State FITASC. SSP also bid on the Super Sport. Don Deeb withdrew SSP’s bid for the Super Sport. A motion was made by Richard Bienapfl to award the MHHC the 2019 MN Super Sporting and State FITASC to be combined on one weekend. Anna Webber seconded the motion. No further discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.

2019 MN State Small Ga was bid by one club – SSP. SSP’s original bid was to combine the Super Sporting and Small Gauge on one weekend. Since no club bid for the 2019 5 Stand, Don Deeb amended SSP’s bid to combine the 2019 Small Gauge and 5 Stand on one weekend. A motion was made by Richard Bienapfl to accept SSP’s bid to combine 2019 MN State Super Sport & State Small Ga on one weekend. The motion was seconded by Rick Robohm. No further discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no bids submitted for the 2019 MN State Sporting Clays. Discussion was held on how to handle the lack of a bid. Rebidding was discussed. Some Board members asked if there is a volunteer to host from the present range representatives. Nate Petersen of Shooters offered to host if needed. Terry Correll of MHHC offered to host as well, but was concerned about being a back-to-back host. After discussion, it was decided that MHHC could offer to host 2019 MN State Sporting, but that MHHC was open for further review/discussion after this year’s MN State Shoot at Shooters.

Greg Grazzini made a motion to accept MHHC’s bid for 2019 MN State Sporting Clays. Rick Robohm seconded the motion. No further discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding SSP’s desire to add a registered shoot in July 2017. Greg Peters commented that River Ridge had recently cancelled its shoot on the weekend of July 22-23, so there was an open weekend on the shoot schedule. Don Deeb offered that SSP throw a registered shoot on July 21, 22 and 23 with 50 Target 12ga FITASC and 100 sporting clays small ga event for each bore. Discussion occurred regarding the shoot name and the consensus was the State

Small Gauge Warm-Up. Greg Peters confirmed that the MSC Board could amend the shoot schedule, per Mr. Moyes' April 6 email.

Terry Correll moved to add the State Small Gauge Warm Up (100 sporting for each small bore and 50 FITASC) on July 21, 22 and 23 at South St Paul Gun Club to the 2017 current MSC shoot schedule. Al Doucette seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on 2017 Regional Shoot at Caribou Gun Club and possible MSC support. Richard Bienapfl brought up a possible option on a percentage target fee return to Caribou in return for MSC sponsorship recognition. Others supported MSC only paying any monies directly to the shooters. The consensus was that \$3,000 was a conservative figure, given the expected target fees and MSC should support the shoot. The consensus was that MSC monies could be paid directly to the shooters and/or the shooters could identify the MSC's monies. Don Deeb & Terry Correll said they could come up with a way to determine how the \$3,000 could be awarded to Minnesota and non-resident shooters. Lewis Class was a possibility, but the method needed to support the main sporting clays event.

Rick Robohm made a motion to pay \$3,000 from MSC directly to the shooters for the 2017 Regional shoot main event at Caribou, per a formula derived and agreed to by Don Deeb and Terry Correll by July 1, 2017. Nate Petersen seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Greg Peters stated that the next MSC Board meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at 7300 Metro Blvd, #500, Edina, MN, 55439.

Al Doucette moved to adjourn the meeting. Rick Robohm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.