

Minnesota Sporting Clays Association (**MSC**)  
**Board Meeting Minutes** 1/16/23 Location: Scheels

Attendees: Present: **Dylan Burns, Steve Coutant, Rick Potter, Mike Steinmetz, Joel Meier, Hans Erickson**  
Called in: **Paul Robey, Dennis Vierling**  
Absent: **Scott Davis, Nate Petersen, Debbie Mortenson**  
Others attending:

President Dylan Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 7, 2022, MSC meeting were reviewed and discussed. Mike noted Nate had informed him he was present at the November 7 meeting, not a “call-in” participant, and Mike noted he would make that correction. Motion by Rick to approve, with that one correction. Second by Steve. Motion approved unanimously.

Officer Reports

**President** – Dylan welcomed everyone and thanked them for serving on the MSC Board.

**Vice President** – Rick – nothing to report.

**Delegate Reports** – Hans – nothing to report.

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

Financial Report

Dennis had provided a summary of the financial report to Dylan, who presented the financial report. Our sporting clays account current balance is \$19,263. Our Youth/Women account has a balance of \$14,437. MSC member Clubs have been notified that the target fee has been reduced by \$.01, to \$.02/target.

Committee Reports

**Raffle Committee** – Nate has been in touch with Debbie to help her get the shotgun raffle permit going with the State of Minnesota. Dylan will be helping as needed. Rick noted we want to get the tickets out to the Clubs as soon as possible once they’re printed.

Unfinished Business

**Youth Grant Program** – Discussed Wild Marsh’s registered league program this year and whether that approach could be used in some way to draw youth and women, or shooters in general, into registered shooting, with the MSC’s financial support.

New Business

**Age Verification Banner for MSC Website** – We may want to take action based on the California law prohibiting marketing to youth in their state. Nate had done some research on this. It sounds like it wouldn’t be expensive to have our website support company do this for us, but we don’t have a firm estimate. Dylan will contact our website support company to get an estimate, and we should gather any potential wording for the banner as well.

**Generate MSC Member Survey Questions** – Discussion over sending a survey to MSC Members to see what they’re looking at from us as far as money returned to shooters at state tournaments, as well as other topics. Brainstormed potential questions. Dylan will use email to gather other questions.

**Wild Marsh Event Date Change** – there’s a conflict with their Wild Rice 200 shoot date, and they would like to move it to another date. There’s another registered shoot scheduled on their alternate date, so that

date won't work. Dylan will let Debbie know what dates are available and what process to use to get a new date approved.

**Destruction of Documents 2016 or Earlier** – Annual task to be done. Motion by Mike to destroy all documents 2016 and earlier. Second by Steve. Motion approved unanimously.

**Domain Registration Length** – Domain registration renewal is due in February. Motion by Steve to renew our domain registration for 10 years at a cost of \$39.99 per year. Second by Hans. Motion approved unanimously.

**Board Insurance Renewal** – Annual renewal of our Board liability and lawsuit insurance. Motion by Mike to renew our annual insurance for up to \$1,100. Second by Rick. Motion approved unanimously.

**Re-establish / Confirm Committees** –

**Raffle Committee members** – Nate Petersen, Debbie Mortenson, Joel Meier

**Women's/Youth Committee members** – Rick Potter, Scott Davis – Paul reported his research showed other states are struggling with this initiative; most success happens where particular coaches are good at recruiting and nurturing young shooters, and other than that we might get the best return on investment by working with league shooters and giving incentives for them to try shooting registered targets. That would require a new program and re-establishing a target fee for that. We can also support an individual club hosting a youth shoot. Hans suggested working with high school coaches to offer a discounted price for sporting clays targets. Nate had a 5-stand set up at the state youth trap shoot last year for the high school shooters to try. Joel reported he has a lot of interest in their high schools shooting in their sporting clays league. We can include questions on the member survey regarding what we can do in this area.

**State Shoot Budget Committee members** – Steve, Dennis. We will need to decide whether we will continue to do gun raffles or other fundraising activities. We can also include this on the member survey. The state championship club is responsible for getting trophies, but we have provided the medals.

**Tournament Incident Report** – Mike reported South St. Paul had an incident in their Winter Blast tournament last weekend where a shooter was disqualified.

**Survey Questions** – brainstormed potential questions for the member survey.

**Mailing the Shoot Schedule** – Hans reported he has been asked why we don't mail out the shoot schedule. The reason we don't is because of the cost, plus our shoot schedule is on the website. Dylan will send an email out to members with the 2023 shoot schedule.

Motion by Mike to adjourn. Second by Hans. Motion approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by President Dylan Burns.