

Minnesota Sporting Clays Association (**MSC**)
Board Meeting Minutes 11/4/24 Location: Scheels, Eden Prairie, MN

Attendees: Present: **Scott Davis, Steve Coutant, Hans Erickson, Joel Meier, Dennis Vierling, Mike Steinmetz, David Grell, Dylan Burns, Nate Petersen, Rick Potter, Garrett Mitchell** representing **John Barr**

Called in:

Absent: **Debbie Mortensen**

Others attending: Gene Kalway, Kevin Bubbers

President Scott Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and roll call was taken. Attendees introduced themselves to the group.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 23, 2024, MSC meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Dylan to approve and post online. Second by David. Motion approved unanimously.

Mike read into the minutes the results of two email votes:

1. A request by South St. Paul to change the dates of their Holiday Shoot from December 13-22 to December 20-29. That motion was approved unanimously.
2. Horse & Hunt Club requested a Heated 5-stand November 23-24 and December 5th. That motion was approved unanimously.

Officer Reports

- President – Scott – nothing to report
- Vice President – Rick – nothing to report
- Treasurer – Dennis – nothing to report

Delegate Reports

- Hans & David reported on the meeting that was held at Nationals. The NSCA reported at that meeting:
The number of clubs and targets thrown were up slightly. A number of improvements were made at the National Center. They've formed a committee to work on the FITASC/Super Sporting controversy. There are plans to expand the museum in San Antonio; MidwayUSA may be helping financially with that effort.

Financial Report

- Denny reported our current account balance is \$28,091. The Youth/Women balance is \$13,380. Our raffle this year brought in \$15,345. Our raffle direct expenses were \$4,888. Net profit on the raffle was \$10,457.
- Estimated target fees for the remainder of the year are \$8,000, so the estimated total will be \$18,457 for the year.
- Our state shoot budget is \$13,200, leaving a net gain of a little over \$5,000. We raffled two guns this year, one of which was donated by Al Duce, which was much appreciated.
- We've thrown almost 376,999 targets. Our forecast was for 390,300. With the remaining shoots this year we should exceed that forecast. Last year we threw 476,000 targets. We'll be just over 400,000 this year. Reasons for the decrease could include coming out of the pandemic last year, increased costs to shoot, and the World FITASC this year which may have affected shooters' budgets.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- 2025 shoot schedule approval – the proposed shoot schedule was sent to the Board for review. In the one instance where two shoots are scheduled on the same weekend, both clubs have agreed to hold shoots on the same weekend. Wealthwood will hold a youth shoot on June 1st that won't conflict with other shoots, and that needs to be added to the calendar. Discussion over whether we should print a shoot schedule and mail it out. The cost would be about \$700. Ads could be sold. Agreed we will put a printable schedule on the website. Garrett will draft a printable schedule and send it to Mike to add to the website. Motion by David to approve the 2025 schedule including the Wealthwood date. Second by Dylan. Motion passed unanimously.
- Unclaimed 2019 raffle gun – Horse and Hunt has our 2019 raffle gun that was never transferred. Rick will attempt to notify the winner that was drawn; he is a member at South St. Paul so we should be able to contact him.
- Unclaimed Prizes – Rick reported Mike found a number of gift cards and a few other prizes that are left over from youth shoots. Mike will inventory the prizes and report back at the next Board Meeting so we can allocate them properly to future youth events.
- Election of officers for 2025 – Motion by David to elect Scott as President, Rick as Vice President, Mike as Secretary, and Denny as Treasurer for 2025. Second by Garrett. Motion passed unanimously.
- Vote on target fees for 2025 – Agreed to leave target fees at \$.02/target for 2025 since we're planning on holding a gun raffle.
- Planning for 2025 raffle process – David will price out a Browning 825 and solicit a gun donation for the raffle. David will also help John with the permit from the county. Rick will get the raffle tickets printed as soon as we know what kind of gun we are getting.
- Possible Randy Travalia recognition – Motion by Garrett to name the 12-gauge FITASC event at the state sporting clays championship after Randy Travalia, with a traveling trophy in his name, starting in 2025. The trophy would have the winners' names on it and remain at the hosting club until the following year. Second by Denny. Motion passed unanimously. This will be added to the bid requirements for the state championship, in addition to a requirement that the hosting club must apply for any gun raffles held at that event and that there will be a scheduled group dinner on Saturday at the state championship.
- Calendar of 2025 MSC Board of Directors meeting for 2025 – 2025 dates will be January 20, February 24, April 28, June 23, August 22, and November 3. All meetings will be at Scheels except for the August meeting, which will be held at the state shoot at Hunts Point. Dylan has the contact for Scheels and will contact them to reserve the room for the meetings. Mike will post the meeting dates on our website.
- State bid forms – Changes to the forms will be discussed at the January meeting.
- Hall of Fame process – Discussion of current requirements and processes. Clarifications will be discussed at the January meeting.

Motion by Scott to adjourn. Second by Rick. Motion approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by President Scott Davis at 7:23 pm.

Next Meeting: January 20, 2025, 6 pm, Scheels, Eden Prairie, MN