

## **Minnesota Sporting Clays Association**

### **Board Meeting Minutes for 02/22/2021 at Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club**

Attendees: Dylan Burns, Kevin Burns, Dennis Vierling, David Penn, Al Doucette, Al Duce, Curt Halbakken, Rick Potter, Steve Coutant, Scott Davis, Nate Petersen

Absent: Al Horner, Kendra Bittner

Curt called the meeting to order shortly after scheduled 6pm start.

Jan 2021 MSC meeting minutes were reviewed and discussed. Denny Vierling made a motion to approve minutes with changes as noted. Scott Davis seconded motion, unanimously approved acceptance.

Officer reports:

Al Duce: teach range safety officer classes at St. Thomas Academy – upcoming youth shoot may need range safety officers for shotgun.

Delegate report: Al Duce - discussed shell changes rules. Denny mentioned and discussed that reloads allowed in tournaments if the clubs approve it - except FITASC. No reloads in FITASC discipline.

Shoot Committee: Through the end of June, reloads are allowed. There was discussion on the sub-gauge/smallbore, and 5-Stand shoots. Reloads allowed in the events.

Curt had no update to give at this time.

#### **Financial Report details:**

The balance of the **MSC** as of 2/22/2021 is \$25,957.10

The above amount is without (3) shooter reconciled checks out for \$150 total.

The **MN Sporting Clays Assoc. Youth/Woman** account is \$8290.98.

The Pro-forma / target guesstimate spreadsheet was handed out and looked over. “Projected Targets” where “Entries” is on the 2021 Events calendar could be changed. Format changes a bit for percentage projected vs Actual were discussed. For example – if it was 1000 targets and 1100 were thrown, it could state 110% . Actual percentage numbers would be interesting to track throughout the year.

Raffle Committee: David Penn, Nate Petersen. Nate Petersen chairs this committee. 400 tickets to be sold for the shotgun. Discussion of moving the gun around to the shoots for driving ticket sales and how technically it can't leave the FFL dealer unless there is a company agent with the firearm ( employee/owner of the FFL holder) . We will print posters for promotion. David Penn graciously

volunteered printing. Target date to start is April 1<sup>st</sup> for the raffle. Discussion on unfinished business regarding budget proposal for the tickets and MN gambling permit. Scott Davis made a motion to approve \$500 for ticket creation and securing MN gambling permit. David seconded motion, unanimously approved.

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2021 Medals Discussion started. Was brought up instead of the state organization providing medals that the hosting club can have monies allocated to them.

Side discussion point of budget offered to the state shoots was \$1500 / year for all state shoots.

We believe we are good with medal supply for 2021 and 2022. Need a clear plan for medals and how they get distributed when the time arrives that the shoot is over. Steve Coutant and Curt to talk to Kendra on the formula on the medal awards. Kendra has medals and Curt to get where the medal decal stickers are made.

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Shoot Promotion Committee:

The amount of \$5350 was discussed for the MN State Championship. This amount has been allocated the past years for added money awards for MN State residents shooting in the Main event at the State Sporting Championship.

There was mention of the youth initiative at the 2019 State Championship at the Minnesota Horse and Hunt, with them helping with the cost and having the youth in a 7:30 AM rotation. MSC subsidized \$20 a youth shooter and was also mentioned that Gregg Wolf sponsored separate trophies for the youth flight.

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Youth Promotion Committee:

Al Duce – revised budget was sent out before the February 22 6:00pm meeting start. Discussion on a youth clinic option – instruction class clinic was a new idea, maybe have 1 or 2 clinics during the summer. May be interest as the high school clay target spring season wraps up.

Denny mentioned the idea and issue of safety as we are sponsoring these youth shoots. Do the students need to show a firearms safety certificate?

Budget – Youth committee requested \$3000.00 from the youth account. David made a motion to request \$3000 be allocated from the youth account for a July 25<sup>th</sup> youth sporting clays event at the Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club, with a target of 120 youth participating. Promoting the youth shoot was discussed. Kevin Burns seconded the motion, unanimously approved.

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New Business

Final discussion on the 2022 State Shoot Bids

There are now three state championship ‘weekends/events’ as some of the MN State Championship events have been combined and were noted on the 2022 state shoot bid form.

Shoot combinations as follows:

1. State Super Sporting and State FITASC
2. State 5-Stand and State Smallbore
3. State Sporting Championship

5-Stand and Smallbore – was applied for by only one club – South St. Paul Rod and Gun Club. Denny made a motion to accept the South St. Paul Rod and Gun Club bid. Rick Potter seconded the motion, unanimously approved.

The State Super Sporting/State FITASC and the State Sporting Championship were both applied for by two clubs, Minnesota Horse and Hunt and Shooters Sporting Clays. Discussions were held by board members while David and Nate stepped outside. Discussion held and Denny made a motion to award the State Super Sporting and State FITASC to the Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club, and to award the State Sporting Championship to Shooters Sporting Clays. Kevin Burns seconded the motion, unanimously approved.

Shotshell promotion with Federal was discussed about a new product line of Federal's called the HOA. There may be promotions available with Federal and MHHC for the 2021 MN State Sporting Championship. Noted that the promotion may or may not carry over to the 2022 MN State Sporting Championship, as it may be a local/club event promotion for 2021 only. Still in process.

Al Duce mentioned about the state shoots going forward, in the past the MSC has supported the shoots with support of \$750 to \$1250. This year going to approve \$1500 for the state shoots support. Nate Petersen made a motion to approve \$1500 for support of each state shoot. Denny Vierling seconded the motion, no discussion, unanimously approved.

Was noted that Al Duce had a time zone failure last meeting why he was not on last meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Al Doucette. Seconded by Denny Vierling, unanimous vote to adjourn.

-Nate Petersen  
2021 MSC Secretary